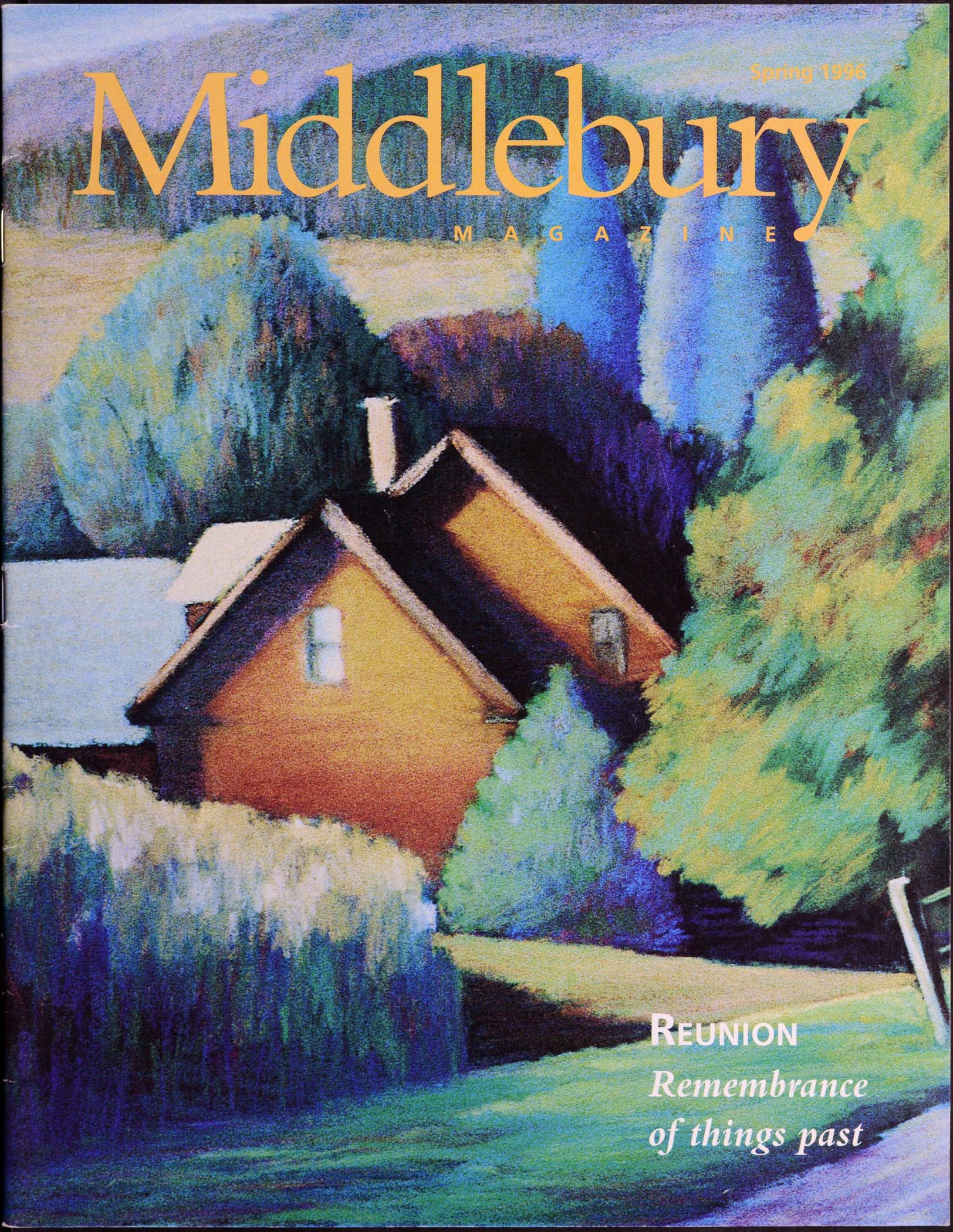


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IT'S YOUR PARTY, YOU CAN REPLY IF YOU WANT TO

I feel like the chairman of the social committee in high school. We've decorated the gym with streamers and crepe paper, the punch is poured, the band is unpacking their instruments. There's only one thing missing: the guests.

The guest list is exclusive, but you're on it. All Middlebury alumni are. You are all invited to a big party in cyberspace. You don't need to bring anything except curiosity. You don't have to talk if you feel shy. The party lasts forever, so come anytime. This wing-ding takes place at the new Middlebury alumni forum, MiddTalk, which is located on the magazine's new home page. All you need is a computer and a hookup to the World Wide Web. Type in our address: <http://www.middlebury.edu/~publish/middmag/index.html> and you're here. Welcome. Have an hors d'oeuvre.

Middlebury Magazine has been on the Web since last summer, but we've recently redesigned our Web site to make it easier to use, quicker to load, more useful and fun. You can look around the magazine site without joining MiddTalk. If you join, you can talk about the magazine, the College, the weather, your children, jobs in Topeka. Anything.

Recently I checked into the alumni forum of another prestigious private college. I eavesdropped on several days of casual talk about old snack bars on campus and fond (and not so fond) memories of college food. The talk was buzzing around under the handle "pond scum."

So profound you don't need to be.

But with reunion around the corner, it would be a good way to see who's coming and get the latest scoop on events planned for your classes. The folks from the Alumni Office will be checking in from time to time to answer queries, if any arise. And magazine staff will be on board to talk about the current issue and answer (again!) those ongoing questions about the magazine (why are class notes so long/short? why are there so many/few wedding pictures?). In addition, you can submit class notes via e-mail, get information about alumni events—like reunion and Alumni College—and make contacts throughout the country (and the world) with Midd alums for casual conversation or networking.

I know Middlebury alums don't need a forum to stay in touch. They do quite well all by themselves, person to person, as witnessed by the voluminous class notes, and the cards such as we received from the friends who have kept a "round-robin" letter going since they graduated in 1936, or from the three friends who sent a picture of themselves sunbathing on the roof of Battell in 1945—they are taking a trip to Mexico together this year.

But MiddTalk is another way for people to get together, people who may not be friends yet, but who have one enormously important thing in common—Middlebury. As always, let us know what you think. ■ RM

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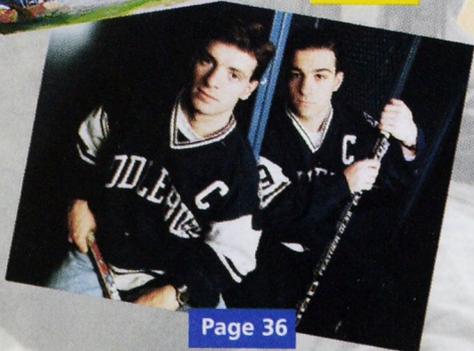
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Skydivers take the plunge

My wife and I loved the article on Middlebury marriages ("Going to the Chapel," winter 1996) but, then again, we're slightly biased since we both went to Middlebury. We both remember Dr. Robison's convocation address and always thought of ourselves as "66 percenters," so it's a little disheartening to discover we're only "17 percenters." We were surprised to learn that the

authors had met while skydiving with the Middlebury Mountain Club because that is how *we* met.
Bruce Klingner '82
DeeAnn Wallick Klingner '84
Silver Spring, MD

Transformation or yuppie holiday?

Were we supposed to read the article "Sea Change: Digital Executive Transformed by Antarctic Passage" and actually believe that Chris West is some kind of hero, like

Hamlet or Odysseus? It seems that the greatest hardship he faced was just how exactly to spend that "big stack of money" he made in the corporate world. *Middlebury Magazine* ought to have had the sense to see West for what he really is: a member of the privileged class who could afford an expensive vacation. When he concludes by musing over his future options ("One day I'm going to buy a micro-brewery, the next an export company in South America"), we can hardly see him as "transformed." However, the image of Narcissus did spring to mind.

Hamlet was a hero because he had to confront his own mortality. He had to ask questions of his conscience and soul. If West had given up the corporate life to devote his time and resources to his community or those less privileged, then perhaps we could call him transformed. *Middlebury Magazine* should focus on alumni who are actually doing something for the world.

Tal Birdsey '87
Atlanta, GA

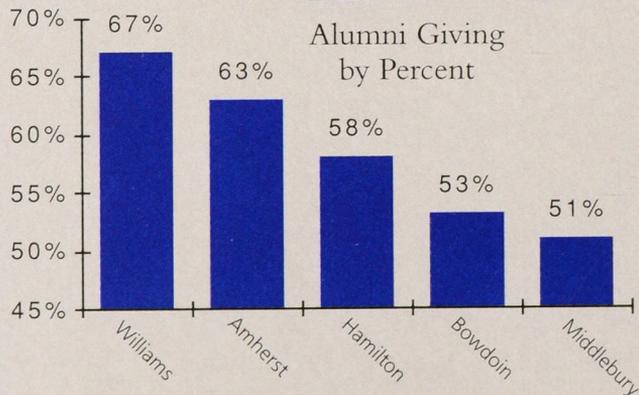
Shipwreck Excavated in Hawaii—First Yacht

Kudos to you and your staff for the magazine's new look and editorial focus—it's much improved in my opinion. I particularly enjoyed your yachting article in the most recent issue, as it relates to my own current research. Last summer, we located and surveyed the shipwreck of the first oceangoing yacht built in America, which sank in Hanalei Bay, Kauai (Hawaii) on April 5, 1824. At the time, *Ha 'aheo o Hawai 'i* (*Pride of Hawaii*) was the Royal Hawaiian Yacht of King Kamehameha II; she was built as *Cleopatra's Barge* at Salem, Mass., in 1816. Her saga makes today's soap operas soporific by comparison. We will be going back to Hanalei Bay this July to complete the underwater archaeological excavation of her remains.
Paul F. Johnston '72
Curator of Maritime History
National Museum of American History
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Catbird memories

I was struck by your editorial view of sitting in the catbird seat of your office (summer 1995). Vivid memories of my days in the Hillcrest attic, sharing that

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view, rushed to mind. Over 40 years ago (can it be?) my suitemates—Ann Case (now Holt), Jane Hoge (Murdock), and Mhairi Cleghorn—and I thought we really had won the lottery when we pulled a number good enough to allow us to take over that choice dormitory location our sophomore year! The radiators made it so hot we had to keep the windows open in the dead of winter, but it was a wonderful, cozy, fun place to live.

Our own bathroom for only the four of us! Tripping over each other in the narrow rooms, “rump-bumping” was only a minor inconvenience. As I sit now in my office, looking out over the large city of Houston, I indulge in fond reminiscence of those Middlebury days and the view—the busy campus scene on the one side and the more bucolic little street and countryside on the other—from the catbird seat. Thanks

for mentioning it!
Judith Hastings Dresden '56
Houston, Texas

Newt quiz book cheap shot

Considerable relief comes in noting “former” in the identification of Ted Rueter as Midd political science teacher, in the review of his *The Newt Gingrich Quiz Book*. What about a question for the author who parleys malice into the safety of questions: Has the author

taken Rush Limbaugh’s Kook Test? (Have to get him to listen to Rush). There’s nothing like an *ad hominem* approach to avoid the life and death issue in the U.S.A.: Is this the land of the free and the home of the brave or do we lose all leverage to Washington when government has all the money as well as the power.

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Cash on the barrelhead

[This letter was received by President McCardell.]

Amen, and thanks.

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I recall the day she received her acceptance letter. The joyous shout of "Middlebury" was still reverberating through the house as she cleared the staircase without so much as one foot touching a riser. The smile, tears, and big hug said it all. Middlebury was her dream and it was coming true.

She has loved every minute and has wrapped her arms around you with a life grip: courses, friends, professors, work, and recreation.

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*Richard Alexander P'96
Palo Alto, CA*

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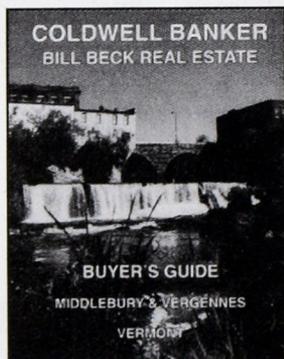
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Mary Brackett '36 helps herself, her children, and Middlebury

Like many others, Mary Brackett '36 usually reinvests her stock dividends. Not long ago, she told us she had been participating for many years in the dividend reinvestment program (DRIP) of the mutual fund she had set aside as her emergency reserve. If she didn't need it, she planned for the fund to grow and ultimately benefit her two children, Elisabeth, 56, and Robert, 55, after her death.

Mary learned that two Middlebury spigot trusts could perform the same services for her as her DRIP—that is, be available to her when and if she needs funds and benefit her children in the future—and do a better job. Spigots have the added advantages of providing tax-free growth, income tax savings for the donor, and, finally, estate tax savings. As a trustee emeritus, Mary was also happy that spigots allowed her to become an advance donor to Middlebury's Bicentennial Campaign and a major donor to her class reunion gift.

So, Mary transferred her mutual fund to two spigot trusts managed by the College, one ultimately to benefit each child. The spigots will grow tax free (spigots "off") unless Mary should need the money (spigots "on"). After Mary's death, the income will go to Elisabeth and Robert whenever they request it. The income can be paid in a lump sum, annually, or allowed to con-

tinue to grow tax free, as each prefers. Eventually, the trusts revert to Middlebury, which will be Mary's gift to the Bicentennial Campaign.

Mary Brackett found that establishing her spigot trusts was a satisfying experience, accomplishing many financial, estate planning, and philanthropic goals in one simple act. She recommends you ask Ed Sommers '60, director of planned giving, to send you an analysis of how a spigot trust, or one of Middlebury's other creative planned giving vehicles, can serve your needs. Your college would enjoy helping you learn something new once again. Please use the coupon below to request your analysis.



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BELFRY BOUND

People tend to seek out the highest place to make their mark. Mountain climbers plant their flags on rugged peaks, teenagers scrawl their initials on water towers, skywriters use the clouds for a backdrop. It's no different at Middlebury, as workmen rediscovered last fall during their renovation of Old Chapel.

In the belfry they found evidence that Middlebury students of all eras liked to climb to the top of Old Chapel and leave their mark for posterity. Some chose to carve, others to write. Ed Reichert '40 obviously spent hours up there, carving his name deeply with exquisite care. Some wrote their whole names, others just initials. By the writing on the plaster and



on the wooden window-sills, you can see that GR '17, Doody '11, and BM Cooledge '88 (that's 1888) stood on a vertiginous

perch and left their calling cards. We learn that Ella Wiley of Westford, Massachusetts, and Mary Slade of Middlebury visited on March 24, 1886. CW Allen passed through in '03, and Marshall Clark in 1910.

While there is much of interest in this renovation project—old columns are being restored, corbeled bricks exposed, pegged beams and stone lintels appreciated—"the belfry is the single most interesting place [in terms of graffiti]," said Michael Stone of Barr & Barr Builders, the construction firm renovat-

ing Old Chapel.

This being Middlebury, a few foreign referents have crept in over time. "*Hi tres discipuli hanc in altitudinem die Aprilis undecimo venerunt MDCCCXCVI,*" [These three students reached this height on April 11, 1896], wrote HBM '98, AEB '99, JRW '99. And "... *qui peut . . .*" [who can] remains legible from an earlier French student's visit. Flag raisers from the Class of 1910 documented their visits to the belfry to hang the flag on the flagpole out the belfry window. Then there was Paul Brown, a janitor, who, each year from 1929 to 1941, indicated his continuing employment at Middlebury through an annual trip to the belfry.

Happily for future historians and thrill seekers, the builders have been instructed *not* to paint over any of the graffiti in the belfry. In fact, this major architectural renovation will take its place in Middlebury history because one of the demolition men, in the spirit of the place, left his own mark a few floors below on a brick wall that will be covered; but future renovators one day might find: DEMO-MAN, 1995! ■

And the winner is . . .

Vice President Ron Liebowitz drew the name of the winner of the Scrambled Egg(head)s Contest: Dr. Phanindra Wunnava, proud owner of a brand new Midd T-shirt, courtesy of the magazine. Thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit of the contest.

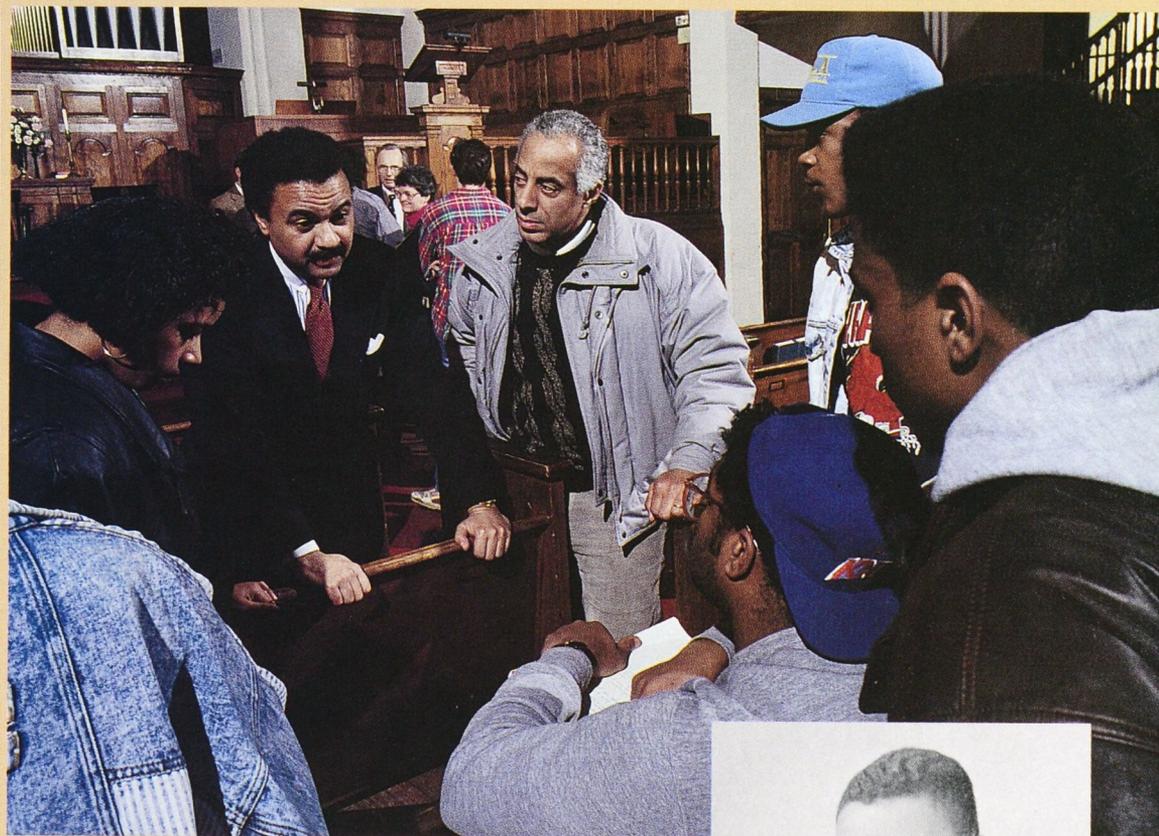


“A Magnificent Life Force”

With these words President Bill Clinton

saluted his trusted friend and colleague Ron Brown '62, who died on April 3, 1996. While serving his country as secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Brown crashed in a plane in Croatia as he led a trade mission to gain business for U.S. companies and help rebuild and heal that troubled part of the world.

Ron Brown loomed large on the national scene—including roles as a cabinet member and chair of the Democratic National Committee—and, similarly, he played a major role at his alma mater. From 1988 until his death he served on Middlebury's Board of Trustees, helping guide the College as it changed, just as he had helped guide the nation. When he began his work as secretary of Commerce, Brown informed President John McCardell that he was relinquishing all of his board memberships except two, and one was Middlebury. With this ongoing service to his college, Brown demonstrated his beliefs in liberal arts education and in Middlebury's insistence on an international perspective. President McCardell reacted to the tragic end of Ron Brown's life, speaking of the “deep personal loss” felt by the entire Middlebury community because of the death of this “distinguished



alumnus, valued trustee, and dear friend.”

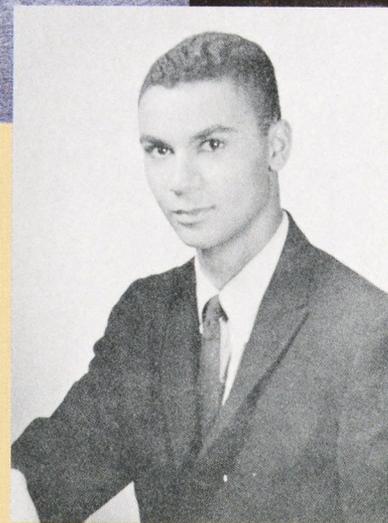
While he was an undergraduate political science major, Brown was also an agent for change at Middlebury. He joined fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, which had a “white, Christian” restrictive clause at the time. “They wanted Ron so bad they went local,” an alumnus remembers. Television anchor Bryant Gumbel said of his friend, “Ron was never confined or defined by race.”

Ron Brown earned his law degree at St. John's University and went on to work as an attorney for the Urban League, then as a staff member for the Reverend Jesse Jackson and

Senator Edward Kennedy. “Ron Brown came remarkably close to giving politics a good name,” remarked Olin Robison, Middlebury president emeritus, at a College memorial service. Many top business executives credit Brown with reviving the Commerce Department, calling him a dynamic and visionary secretary.

At Brown's funeral, National Cathedral was jammed with over 4,700 people, and President Clinton delivered the eulogy, saying, “I want to say to my friend, ‘Thank you. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here.’”

With his characteristic optimism and prodigious energy, Brown was willing



Remembered by many as “larger than life,” Ron Brown played an active role in the College that he loved: as a student, an alumnus, and a trustee.

to lend his name and photograph, a handshake and a speech, as well as his wisdom and counsel, to those he thought he could help, at Middlebury and around the world. His college has special reasons to miss him, and it will. ■

Ubi Sunt? (or, Where are they now? for those of you who don't speak Latin in the home.) Middlebury students and faculty spread out over the globe each year. Half of every undergraduate class spends at least a semester off campus before graduation; and faculty members take leaves not only to revitalize their teaching enthusiasm, but also to continue the research that keeps them at the top of their profession. Look where they are this spring:

STUDENTS

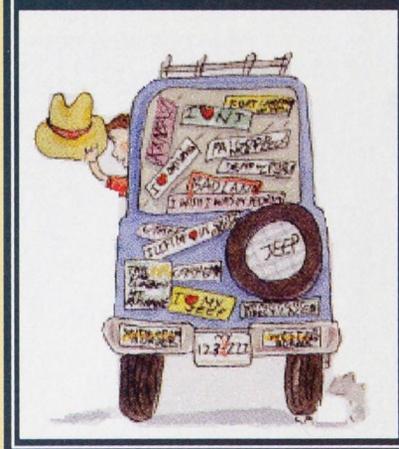
Brooke Capps '97: This sociology-anthropology major from Lake Placid, New York, attends the School for International Training in Matautu-Uta, Apia, Western Samoa.

Sarah Merrill '97: A joint English/dance major from Acton, Massachusetts, Sarah is spending the spring term at the School for International Training in Accra, Ghana.

Nichole North '97: This woman from Madison, Wisconsin, is a joint major in environmental studies and geology, off campus now at the School for International Training in Merida, Venezuela.

Carly Vynne '97: Studying at the School for International Training in Fort Dauphin, Mada-

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



gascar, this environmental studies major usually calls Bellevue, Washington, home.

Alissa White '97: An economics major from Weston, Massachusetts, Alissa is spending the whole year at the Swedish program at Stockholm University.

FACULTY

Cheryl Faraone and Richard Romagnoli, two faculty members in theatre, are participating in London's drama scene; she is doing research on women directors, he is con-

ducting performance workshops for graduates and undergraduates, and both are lecturing at Goldsmiths College.

Constance Kenna, German, is spending her leave with a Fulbright grant in Namibia, looking into intercultural assimilation of German-speaking black Namibians.

Michael Kraus and Allison Stanger, both members of the political science department, are doing research in the Czech Republic on Eastern European politics and have organized a June conference in Prague on the breakup of Czechoslovakia.

Ellen Oxfeld, anthropology, is working in the People's Republic of China on a project titled "Face, Gender, and Social Changes in Contemporary China." ■

POUNDING OUT POETRY

Amiri Baraka, once known as LeRoi Jones, recently came to Middlebury to deliver a poetry reading. His scat singing, lectern pounding, and tough love pronouncements to an overflow audience rated and received a standing O at the evening's conclusion.

"I'm black, which is bad enough; and I'm blue, which is sad enough; and I'm also red, which is

weird enough." Baraka said, interspersing a little personal history among the poems he presented.

"Don't submit to reality; transform it," he said, throwing in a little philosophy to the students who craned their necks around bookcases and from crammed positions on the floor.

The music of John Coltrane lives on in Baraka's poetry: "Bop bop bop bop," he sang, inject-

ing between lines of his poetry the tune of a Coltrane composition.

The poetry, like its creator, takes strong stands—often political—and doesn't let anyone off easily. The communist quotes Mao, but he also mentions the Chairman's mistakes. He blames the African chiefs who sold their own tribesmen into slavery more than the also-hated white captains of the slave trade. His scathing

comments about Louis Farrakhan leave no doubt how he feels about that leader; and his sarcastic comments about heads of various American democratic institutions make his feelings about them equally clear. Christian and Islamic fundamentalists share the same position in Baraka's lowerarchy. This poet and playwright told it as he sees it—no holds barred—and the audience loved it. ■

BANG!

The image of a tough broad staring down the barrel of a revolver enticed many at Middlebury into viewing a remarkably polished film written and produced during J-term by 23 students in "Hands-on Hollywood," a course taught by filmmaker and alumnus Erik Anjou '83.

Kristen Connolly '96 wrote the script for *Bang!*, which concerns a woman's fight for her independence and equality through the unusual (and rather literal) route of firearms. Scott Goldman '96 produced the film, and he and others spent much of the fall semester preparing for the January shoot, including casting, rewriting, location scouting, and crew selection.

When Anjou arrived in January to start teaching, he had a full film crew in his class—actors, sound technicians, costume designers—some of

whom had experience in theatre or film, others who were learning the trade for the first time. While the course was no lark ("During shooting everyone was working over 15 hours a day," according to Goldman), the students came out of the course exhilarated. "It taught us a great lesson," Goldman says. "We learned the incredible amount of detail and hard work involved in each shot. Everyone had to work as a team. We learned so many things from Erik. He was enormously hard working and cared about every aspect of the film. That rubbed off on everyone." ■



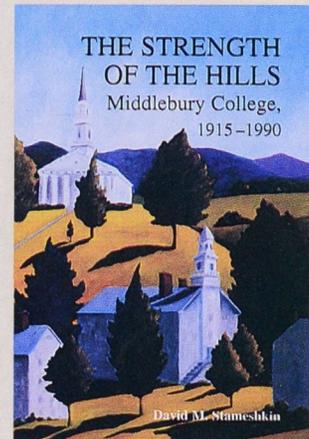
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STORMS, AVALANCHES, MILITARY ACTION: A CLIMB TO REMEMBER



John Climaco '91 knows about the hazards of mountain climbing—he has led teams up mountains all over the world, including a 1993 Himalayan expedition up Cholatse in Nepal. But he's never faced more serious dangers than he did last summer during his attempt to make the first American ascent of Chogolisa in Pakistan.

Avalanches and howling winds turned out to be the least of his climbers' problems. The military liaison officer who accompanied their expedition (routine practice) turned out to be "a bad one, who was interested in nothing more than shaking us down from day one," Climaco says. Aside from routinely stealing their belongings, several days into the trip the officer disagreed with

Climaco's decision to climb higher on a particular day, and after a bitter argument called Climaco a subversive and sent back a letter to Islamabad, promising that Climaco would be arrested and imprisoned when he returned. Climaco, realizing the seriousness of being charged with treason by a military officer, dispatched a letter one day below base camp to his parents, asking them to contact the father of his old Middlebury roommate, Ehsun Khan '92. Admiral Said Khan was Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's ambassador to the Netherlands.

The climate of volatility was heightened by the fact that the peak they were attempting to climb was occupied by the Pakistani military and under shelling. (India and Pakistan have

been disputing the boundaries of this land since 1949.)

But even worse than the shelling was the weather. "It was atrocious. We only got about three days of clear weather at a stretch. Deep snow, high winds, an incredibly dangerous route it turned out. We couldn't climb during the day because the sun came out and melted the snow, which then became unstable and prone to avalanche. So we climbed only during the night using headlamps. After three nights we got to what was our final bivouac, somewhere between 21 and 22 thousand feet—we still had a long way to go, three thousand feet to the summit. Then a storm blew in and totally socked us in. We heard news on the

radio about the accident on K2 that killed the climbers, including Jeff Lakes and six others, some of whom we knew.

"We had a serious talk about whether or not what we were doing was worth it. It put the whole trip in perspective. It felt like we were being chased down and whatever was chasing us was coming pretty close to catching us. So after waiting for the storm to break, which it finally did two days later, we decided to go down."

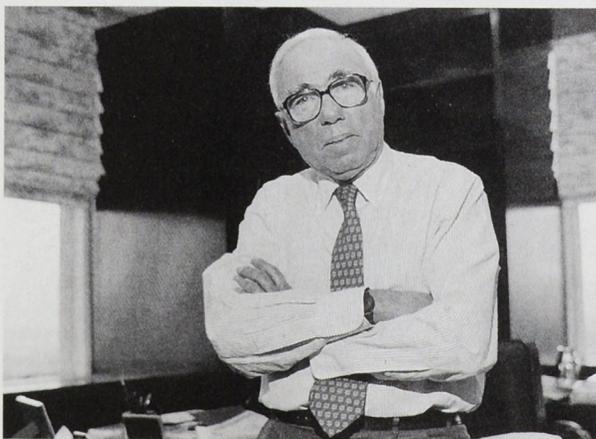
A FedEx package from his father (which he received *on* the mountain—signed for it and everything!) told him Admiral Khan had been notified and was waiting for him to return. Just mentioning Khan's name was enough to change the behavior of the liaison officer. "It was like invoking Colin Powell or Norman Schwarzkopf," Climaco marveled. "The next morning he came to my tent with tea and high-fived me." When they got back to Islamabad, Admiral Khan debriefed the climbers and moved them out of the country promptly. They found out later that the liaison officer had been discharged from the army.

Has the experience been enough to keep Climaco off the mountains? Hardly. After a short holiday in India, he went to guide a trip in Nepal, then for a little rock climbing in Thailand, and finally to Scotland for ice climbing on Ben Nevis. ■

FRONT AND CENTER



Middlebury seniors have bagged 3 out of the 60 **Watson Fellowships** awarded annually to fund independent research outside of the U.S. These highly selective awards, each for \$16,000, go to (left to right): **Daniel M. O'Brien**, an English/theatre major, who will go to Great Britain and Ireland to study Irish mythology, history, and culture and to write a cycle of plays centered upon the historical figure of King Brian Boru; **Samy Khalil**, a political science major, who will travel to Canada and Israel to explore the relationship between Jewish identity and national identity; and **Jason Mantzoukas**, a religion major, who will go to North Africa and the Middle East to study the interpretation of jazz through existing musical traditions.



President Clinton wanted to name **Felix Rohatyn '49** to fill the Federal Reserve vice chairmanship, but Rohatyn's disagreements with current Federal Reserve policies jettisoned his chances early this winter. Rohatyn, who is managing director of

Lazard Freres & Co., has had a spectacular career on Wall Street, been a prominent fund-raiser for the Democratic Party, and serves on many boards, including the board of Crown Cork & Seal Company, to which he was recently named.

Catherine Roskam '65 has been consecrated as an Episcopal bishop—the first woman to hold such a post in New York State (and only the fourth woman nationally). She began in theatre, but Roskam found herself attracted to the Episcopal church's "liturgy, its inclusiveness." After ordination into the priesthood, she served in New York and California, and now serves as regional bishop for Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties.

An Academy Award nomination went to **James Cromwell '62**, the laconic, sensitive, and nearly silent farmer who cares for and believes in *Babe*, a pig who steals the show in this year's surprise Academy favorite. Cromwell, known for his stint as Stretch Cunningham in "All in the Family," has more recently appeared in *Revenge of the Nerds*, *Star Trek the Next Generation*, and dozens of other movies.

Though not recognized by the Academy, *White Squall* was recognized by the box office, making producer **Mimi (Mary) Polk Gitlin '81** happy. Gitlin also produced *Thelma and Louise*, which, like *White Squall*, was directed by Ridley Scott (of *Alien* fame).



When the torch is lit for opening ceremonies of the **Olympics**, Middlebury will be much in evidence: **James Kitchell '51** (retired VP for operations and administration at Turner Broadcasting) has been working on the design of the communication system since 1990; **Doug Arnot '72** is director of venues; **Stacey Fallon '92** is head of Olympic Village housing; and **Chris Waddell '91**, who won four gold medals at the Paralympics in Lillehammer in '94 in skiing, will compete. ■

P R O L O G U E



P L A Y W

THE CURTAIN RISES ON DAN O'BRIEN '96

By Cynthia Baughman

Middlebury has long contributed talent to the world of literature and drama. Poets, novelists, television and movie screenwriters—many have studied and begun practicing their craft at the College, and the cultural life on campus has been stimulated and enriched by their presence.

This winter, another such talent emerged as Dan O'Brien '96, an English/theatre major, presented his full-length play to sold-out audiences at the Studio Theatre in the Center for the Arts. In several ways O'Brien resembles early portraits of William Butler Yeats: he's tall, thin, pale, with an intense look. Like Yeats, he also has Irish roots and an extraordinary facility with words.

O'Brien discusses his play with urgency. He admits it's a dense, challenging work, but the density is intentional—"the onion effect," he calls it, as each character, event, or symbol offers layers of meaning. "Art that tells me only one thing I don't trust, because lots of things hit me in life," the playwright says.

O'Brien's play, *The Last Supper Restoration*, overflows with ideas. He delves into the nature of the artist and the nature of religion. He looks at various kinds of relationships: between husband and wife, lovers, mother and child, father and son, artist and model, friends. The multidimensional play explores many themes, introduces characters all with several alter egos (including Sigmund Freud and Ezra Pound), takes place in three time periods (1970-85, 1943, and the late 1400s), and follows multiple story lines that intersect and go their own ways throughout the drama.

Is too much going on in *Last Supper*? Douglas Sprigg, professor and chair of the theatre department, doesn't think so. "Good plays have a richness you can keep going back to for more. Dan's richness makes his work distinctive. Modern drama no longer tells chronological stories. And in *Last Supper*, the movement is circular—an associative rather than a linear organization. It's a quality of his work: it's rich."

Sprigg's role in O'Brien's development has been crucially important to the student. The professor chose *Last Supper* for a staged reading he directed by Equity actors of the Potomac Theatre Project (PTP productions take place in Olney, Maryland, where this professional, Middlebury-affiliated company is in residence each summer). O'Brien relates that Sprigg's confidence in his work "gave me a glimmer of hope there might be a professional future. I'd always assumed I'd be a struggling artist. When I saw the newspaper in Washington, D.C., with my name as author of one of the four plays being produced, first I wondered, 'Who is Dan O'Brien?' Then I realized, this is real. The department's belief in me, the College's belief—they paid for us to go down there to put on my play!"

O'Brien comes from a large family. They have always believed in and supported his writing and perhaps stand a little in awe of it. "I can teach your brother how to write a computer program," confided the father, a computer consultant, to his writer son, "but I have no idea how to tell you to write a play." About Dan's serious interest in acting, however, they are more skeptical. "Once an actor, always a waiter," was the initial response, according to the son.

R I G H T

The acting is not tossed away lightly by O'Brien, however. He likes it and is good at it. "Acting keeps informing your work as a playwright," says O'Brien, who appears in productions by the theatre department and is also a member of the popular improvisational group on campus, Otter Nonsense Players. But if the day comes when he must choose between writing and acting, his decision is clear: "When I stop acting, it'll be an activity I'll miss. If I stopped writing, I'd shrivel up and die."

O'Brien shouldn't shrivel anytime soon. In March he learned he won a Watson Fellowship, which he will spend next year in Ireland doing research on historical characters (like Brian Boru) to include in a play or play cycle. He's also a finalist in the Clauder Foundation competition for the best unpublished New England play. The honor of being a finalist appears secondary to O'Brien. What he values is that it means "the play could live on its own." Now, that's an accomplishment, in his opinion.

Can this student really make it as a playwright? "In acting, having ability and making it are very different things," says Sprigg. "People able to live that life—to live in New York, work as a waiter, take grief from producers, accept bad parts—have a better chance of making it as actors. It's not the same in playwrighting; playwrights have a better chance." Sprigg has taught a number of other

playwrights at Middlebury, "but none I've taught has gone on to earn a living as a playwright. One good play and writers are besieged by TV and movies, and I have former students earning their living that way." His voice registers disappointment; he is a theatre professor after all.

Even with money being withdrawn from the arts, Sprigg thinks O'Brien might well make it as a playwright. "Dan's work is striking, unique. Whatever dollars are out there, he has a good shot at attracting them," notes Sprigg. "If he goes to New York, there are plenty of theatres that would like to do his work. There's always more money to produce new work than to produce old work in the theatre. I'm very optimistic about his chances of getting known and produced," he says. "Others are just as good at creating character, at telling stories. But the combination of Dan's gifts of language and his vision of meaningful human behavior—it's beyond anything I've seen at his age," Sprigg says.

Putting meaningful human behavior on the stage matters to Sprigg. In his view, "Good art has something to do with human beings—our exterior lives, our interior lives—and with the world. I always end up comparing Dan to Shakespeare and Joyce because of his ability to empathize with an incredibly wide range of humanity; to stand in the face of mystery, contradictions, opposites, and celebrate that instead of denying or belittling it," Sprigg says. "When his work is at its best, there's compassion for these people. He's not just jerking them around for artistic effect."

Contradictions and opposites appeal to O'Brien. In *Last Supper*, the playwright says, "Creation can be seen as negative; destruction can be seen as positive." Sprigg notes another example of O'Brien's juxtaposition of opposites, serious emotion vs. humorous intellect. "He has an ability to be very moving, but then he'll follow an emotional moment with an outrageous joke. He's like the young Shakespeare who couldn't resist scattering puns through even his most emotional scenes." When Sprigg wrote notes for the PTP actors, he observed: "The play



As an artist petitioning his patron, Leonardo da Vinci (Coert Voorhees '96.5, right) tries to enthuse the Duke of Milan (Ted Dowling '95.5) about his plans for a flying machine in *The Last Supper Restoration* by Dan O'Brien '96.



"Show me your teeth," says Caterina (Katherine Inglis '98) to Bob Sarafin (Coert Voorhees '96.5) during their honeymoon in *The Last Supper Restoration*.

is often very funny, and yet there is an overriding tone of great seriousness."

O'Brien cites writers who make readers or audiences laugh through their tears among his literary influences. He greatly admires Samuel Beckett and James Joyce, who while despising their homeland's stereotype also contributed to the image of the "convivial Ireland with the traditional tear and smile," as Yeats described that characteristic in his *Autobiographies*. Beckett has been important to O'Brien since he was a child. "The first play—at age 12—that hit me was *Waiting for Godot*."

William Faulkner fascinates O'Brien, too, especially in *The Sound and the Fury*, "because it kept things and you had to find them." (Hear Sprigg on one aspect of *Last Supper*: "It's a challenging and demanding play. It doesn't yield its virtues easily. It expects the audience to make connections, have a memory, know history." Faulkner, anyone?)

Having his play produced twice—directed first by Sprigg at Olney and then by himself at Middlebury—O'Brien received the kind of instruction many playwrights never experience. "Play development is a process," says Sprigg. With the two productions, "he could see it in its medium instead of having to imagine how everything worked in it. That helps. A play is never

finished until it's produced."

One thing O'Brien could see on stage was the effect of his great ability with language—when a brilliant speech was, nevertheless, too long or when its dazzle detracted from the character's experience. "Everybody's virtue is also his vice," says Sprigg. "Dan uses language in a very explosive way, although with him it's not just pyrotechnics," Sprigg notes. "He's still discovering his voice. He's like an unpolished diamond. It takes time. He's starting to get polished."

O'Brien began writing *Last Supper* in November 1994 as "a sort of junior year thesis." He was glad to learn he can sustain work on a single piece of writing for that long, he says, implying a vague concern about his jumping from one subject to another, one genre to another—a member of the MTV generation whether he wishes it or not. No doubt, the prolonged work on *Last Supper* gives him confidence as he confronts his senior project in English, writing a novel, *The Book of Mud*, which he has expanded from a short story.

O'Brien attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference based on his submission of short stories; he has served as coeditor of *Frontiers*, the student literary magazine. "I want to put things together," he says about his editing work. "A story needs to be told for the communication. As students, we have tons to learn from that exposure." A poet and prose writer, playwright and editor, his one lack of interest in writing seems to be the exposition of other people's texts. "When I read a great poem, I want to go write a great poem. I don't want to write an essay about the great poem," he says.

O'Brien needs to feel he's doing something new when he writes, which probably means his plays will be "alternative" theatre. "You write what you love," the young playwright says. "Right now I have the luxury of not having to be commercially successful. It is this strange gift to write what you want, to be able to do this for a major, to follow my own path," says O'Brien.

He doesn't see himself as writing about ideas: "For me the thrust in writing plays is on characters, language, maybe the setting—not so much on the ideas." But what matters most is making his audiences think. "The plays I love are the plays that get people talking afterwards." O'Brien wants to write those. He does. ■



*The long and winding
road to reunion*



Sometimes you have to go far away to find your way back home

By Kirsten Keppel '90

It's hard to tell when new frontiers become old homelands and once-foreign skylines grow indelibly etched on the mind's map. And while all roads do not lead home, this one certainly does.

As I breeze down Route 7 toward Middlebury in my Hertz rental, I know I'm coming home. The white heels that take me to work each day are kicked to the floor of the passenger side; pantyhose foot pressed to the accelerator, I'm mindful of the moose crossings marked by careful signposts. Tonight the moose and I share the same road. As if it were the most natural thing in the world.

You'd never guess that hours earlier my heels, briefcase, and I boarded the 5:00 p.m. shuttle to Boston, bumping and jostling in the airport line, as if it, too, were the most natural thing in the world. That's because, in my world, it is. They both are. Not moose or shuttles or airport lines, but the traveling itself. Making a journey, fulfilling a quest. Giving in to the mercurial rush of takeoff and discovery.

This is a passion Middlebury kindled throughout endless winter nights. From this most unlikely spot for which I held student I.D. card privileges, I took off time and again for new horizons. Not exactly on Mercury's winged sandals, but seated next to the silver wing of a Paris-bound Airbus 310. As a junior, and again as a winter term intern, and again from Prague the summer after graduation. I lived in these and other places in the five years that have passed. And I'm still fine-tuning new takeoffs and landings.

Five years ago, my family's eyes popped open in astonishment when I announced I would teach English in Prague the summer after graduation. At Professor Michael Kraus's suggestion my friend Clare Hayden and I applied to teach with the Charter 77 Foundation, an organization founded by Czech President

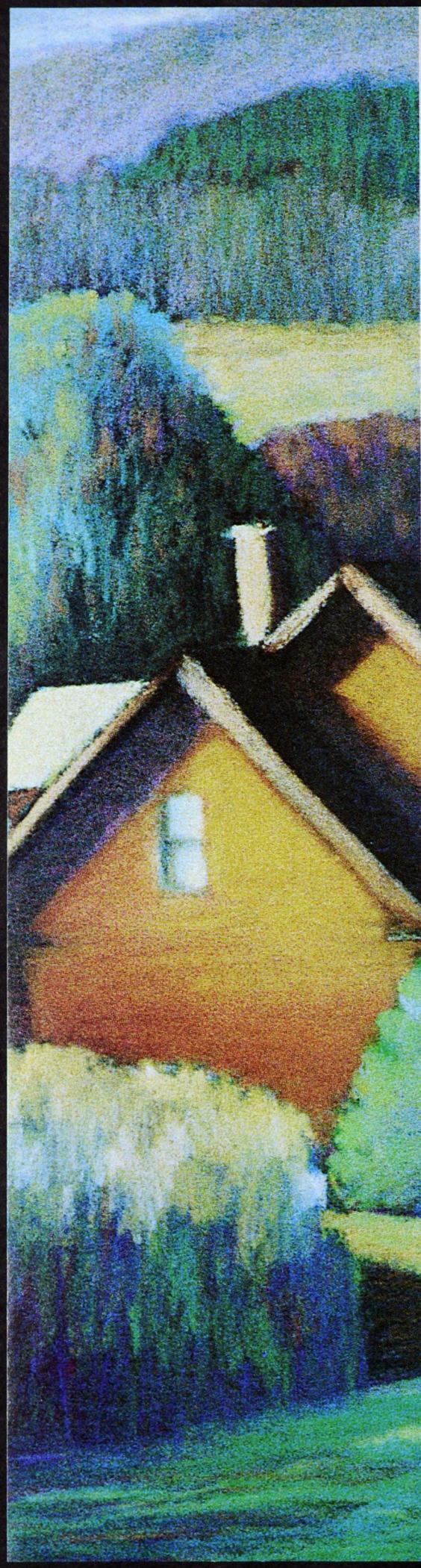
Vaclav Havel and a group of writers. My parents' eyes grew wider when I wrote to tell them how we met Mr. Havel one early August morning, after Clare met someone in the Wenceslas Square who knew Havel's bodyguard.

Shivering in a 6:00 a.m. mist rising off the Vltava River, Clare and I broke into applause when Mr. Havel ran down the stairs of his apartment building, late for work and smiling. I wobbled on jelly-filled knees as he signed my copy of his book *Disturbing the Peace*. "Best of luck with your economic reforms!" I wished him vigorously, unable to think of anything more intelligent. Clare grinned and beamed.

I would never have gone overseas, shaken hands with Mr. Havel, and explored new cultures with verve and gusto were it not for Michael Kraus and people like him I met at Middlebury. These were folks for whom Paris and Prague, even Pretoria and Peking, were home, filled with the reality that place entails. At Middlebury, the exotic rush I grew to crave was mine for the asking, in a friend's room just down the hall, in a foreign language class, or at a campus event. Middlebury was a myriad of mixed realities, offering a prism through which to look homeward.

Now I see, having left and returned to my own home many times over, that our capacity to deal with change is directly proportional to the anxiety or ease with which we leave our first home to create others. The push of the familiar and the pull of the exotic exert a permanent tension on our spirits.

And coming home, if only briefly, always brings a thrill upon arrival. We *are* thrilled tonight at Bread Loaf, amidst the moon and the mosquitoes. We discuss the years. They have brought us other home-made spots. Paola's here from Buenos Aires, and Kirsten's come from



Switzerland. Linda and Robert are buying their first house in New York. I tell Lisa that I really did swim naked in the Indian Ocean on a deserted beach under a South African sunset. Lisa says that counseling Haitian refugees in Miami showed her the reason she was born. "I read somewhere there are two key moments in your life," she says. "The moment you were born, and the moment you realize *why* you were born."

I meet new friends, who have stayed closer to home shores and basked in other fire lights. JoAnn proudly shows us her New Haven farmhouse, complete with dog named Max and mountains flanking Adirondack porch chairs. As we stand on her porch, flatlanders returning as weekenders, I can hear our twinges of envy echo in the mountain air like softly plucked guitar strings.

"I think I realize, now, that this place is much more of a part of my identity than I originally thought," Lisa admits.

"I hope my friends in Europe see this someday," I sigh.

One finds one's inspiration in the most unlikely places," President McCardell quoted a USAir magazine article on John Updike as we filled Mead Chapel's pews for Alumni Convocation. From the old pro alumni of the Class of 1925 to the bunny slopers of the Class of 1990, we eagerly listened as McCardell talked about Updike's 1958 poem "Shillington."

The poem, he explained, expressed two themes central to our quest at Middlebury. These themes were discovering what home meant to us, and making the College our home for a time, only to leave it again. "The having and the leaving go together," McCardell noted.

"When you first entered college,

each of you left your first emotional, physical, and spiritual home," he said. "When you graduated, you prepared to leave the first home of your adult life. Returning here this weekend, perhaps you can understand even more than I, knowing you're leaving again, that the leaving makes the need and desire to have these things terribly compelling."

Mead Chapel's wood creaked and groaned under the weight of people shifting thoughtfully in their pews. Light filtered high above the windows, dusting off some recessed places in our memories. If the need and desire had not been terribly compelling before, I sensed they had become so at that moment.

"To have attended Middlebury College is to have forged a critical link between the having and leaving of home. In this weekend, a brief rehearsal of what it means to attend Middlebury College, we recognize the memory is the link between the leaving and having, the leaving and returning. We share with you this love for what you have and what, in leaving, you have more fully."

It's been a while since I've heard that much intellect expressed. On my third attempt to get it straight in my notes and arrange the having and the leaving in their proper order, my hand gave out, along with my brain. Overwhelmed, I glanced at Clare and hissed, "I *have* to leave."

I did leave, with a greater sense of what I had. Of what I'd *had*, and could have again, and make real, throughout the weekend and beyond.

Now I think I understand Middlebury's purpose. The College tries to teach the worth of infusing one's daily life of mind and body with a strength and quality of spirit. These rightfully belong to 2,000 students astute enough to make a conscious choice to spend four years in this tucked-away North Country corner. Anyone able to withstand its

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winters and isolation, yet still generate fun and breathe life into the mind, can surely sense the life that ripples through these hills at early dawn. It's there to draw upon, that famous strength that "is His also." It's what makes conscious living possible. This weekend is a refueling stop along our many traveled roads. A refueling stop before we go on our next journey, before we arrive at our new home.

What have you found, in the way of trash and treasure, beyond these hills? Did you see a morning bloom while you breakfasted in Business Class, or see the sun squint off Manhattan's needle tips, or watch the moon glow as you angled the Pacific coastline? Did you talk about Vermont and the cold New England air when you tilled the fields of Africa and banked in Hong Kong's towers? What new chapters have you written in your story? What would you show me now if I opened the book to your page?

These are my thoughts as I look in the faces of my friends. Naturally I don't utter a word of this, though some of it must show. And some comes back. Each face is desperate to say more than its owner's mouth will allow. More than one pair of eyes seeks a safe release. Maybe we'll all be more polished at this five years down the road. For now, though, our technique's raw. Which means it's also spontaneous and joyful, even

noisy, as we chatter in the confidence inspired by weekends like this one.

The weekend's warmth fades before the USAir counter Sunday night at Burlington airport. I relinquish the car, tag my suitcase, and board the express to LaGuardia. Washington and work await my return. Yet I'm proud, not sad, to be coming from a world I've just reclaimed and heading for one I've newly made. Both are partly worlds of my creation.

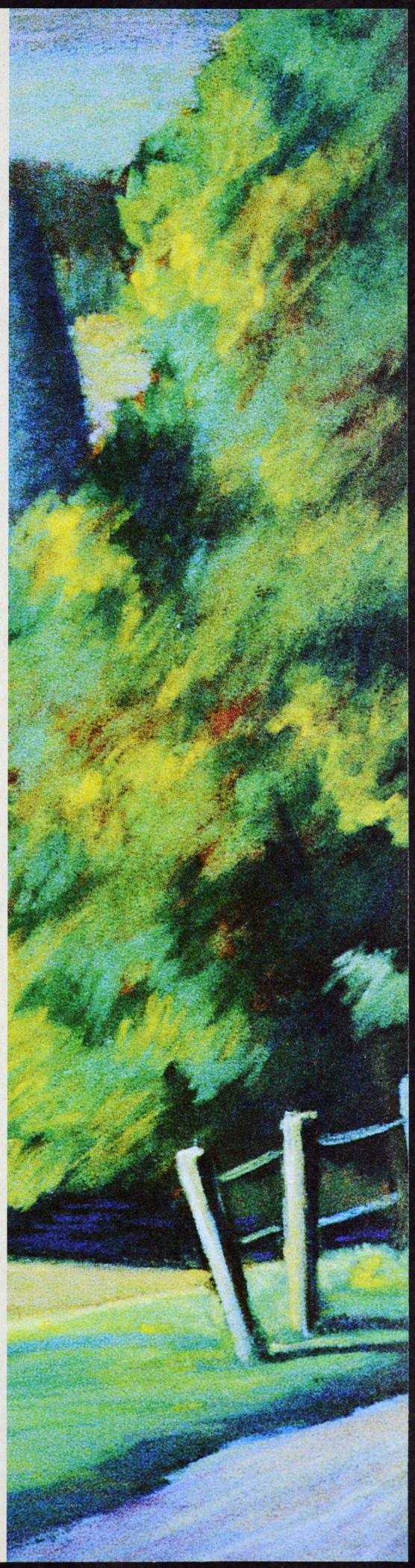
Each of us lives at different points on the map and timeline, in worlds partly of our creation. I know JoAnn is keeping quiet vigil over Vermont from her Adirondack chairs. And Melanie will look straight into the eye of Manhattan's needle tips. Lisa will be seeking further purpose in between the nooks and crannies of her beloved Windy City.

Rendez-vous at Middlebury in the year 2000 for the College Bicentennial. We share this one point closely, from our many distant coordinates, connected to it and to each other like spokes upon a wheel.

An hour later, my reverie's broken. Already Lake Champlain's a snapshot in my memory. My gaze follows the current as we taxi alongside Jamaica Bay. I know the Potomac lies an hour ahead, spread out in all its muddy certainty. Like the current, I'm still traveling old routes, through the water's chop and flow. With greater wisdom and lighter baggage. Even sometimes with grace and style, and always on a learning curve. Some things cannot be taught through education alone.

As the plane's wings tip delicately southward, my newly limber thoughts amble toward the sun and follow the flight path's curve, alight and airborne as we turn for home. ■

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Amazing Grace

THE COOL WORLD OF DR. S

By Marlisa Simonson '96

At 9:05 on a Friday morning, Dr. Grace Spatafora stands poised in front of 10 sleepy-eyed students, pushing and lifting a stringy white substance out of a test tube with a long glass rod. Spatafora, in jeans and a sweater, looks barely older than these students, but she knows how to get their attention—fast.

“Look, look!” she entreats them, gently stretching the rod toward the class. Suddenly wide awake, students are riveted to the slimy string of DNA dangling precariously off the end.

“Isn’t this cool?” she hoots. Her energy is contagious.

“Why is it so slimy?” someone asks. “Can we play with it, too?”

In her four years at Middlebury Spatafora has quickly earned a reputation as one of the most challenging and demanding professors in the biology department. A casual observer may not see that in her caress of a strand of DNA, but any student who has had her in a lab knows from experience that she expects each of her students to work as hard as she does. After four years of postdoctoral work in two different, nationally recognized labs, preceded by an eight-year Ph.D. program at Washington University in St. Louis, she knows better than most in her field what it takes to make a name for yourself.

“I gear my courses to prepare my students for the

working world so that they’ll be marketable,” she explains. “I don’t do things for the sake of doing them. I strive to put everything into a context.”

Fitting the puzzle pieces of her life together entails an insistence on downtime for nonscience-related activities that are important to her, such as singing, playing her piano, or participating in Middlebury’s Commons System. Much of this time is spent with her Great Dane, Cleo, who accompanies her virtually everywhere.

“I got Cleo when I moved here because I needed her both for protection and for company,” Spatafora says of the Marmaduke look-alike that she coos to affectionately. Spatafora’s recent marriage may usurp Cleo’s role as a provider of comfort, but certainly not her role as protector: when once told to “get your own stick,” while playing with another dog, Cleo jumped up and batted a branch off a nearby tree. Cleo is a favorite with the students, who occasionally take her for walks when the professor is occupied in the lab. Spatafora also shares some of her off hours with her lab students, whom she invites to her house once a month for a meeting over a potluck dinner that they cook in her kitchen.

The students of Dr. S, as she is affectionately called by them, walk a fine line between appreciation of, and frustration with, her demanding standards. “The best professors truly enjoy what they teach, and they want to

be teaching it—and Dr. S is one of these people. But in being so psyched to teach she sometimes loses sight of what she's really demanding of her students," comments Mohan Renganathan '96, a molecular biology and biochemistry major. He learned this while taking molecular genetics, a 300-level class team-taught by three professors, last spring.

Renganathan spent between 15 and 20 hours a week on this class alone, with the majority of that time on lab assignments supervised by Spatafora. Yet, Renganathan, who is currently working on a 500-level project in her lab, speaks for many students when he describes his immense appreciation of her dedication to and love for her work: "You know you're in the right class with the right professor when he or she stops in the middle of a lecture and asks the class, 'Isn't that so cool?' because you know the professor would rather be doing nothing else."

Yet, her desire for her students to do the best they can might easily be misinterpreted as unreasonable demand. "When Dr. Spatafora first came to Middlebury, she had expectations so high that they couldn't be matched," says Rebecca June '96, who has had Dr. S for numerous classes and is working on her thesis in Spatafora's lab this spring. In the years since, however, the students have increasingly pushed themselves so that now, though Spatafora has not lessened her expectations, the students are able to match them. Her two upper-level classes—microbiology and molecular genetics—have quickly joined the ranks of the department's classes known to be most difficult. The few students who aren't looking forward to having her as a

professor are at least prepared for what will be expected of them.

And how does she answer the students' charge that her classes are too hard? "In my courses you either sink or swim," she says simply. "That may be why students either love me or hate me; I don't teach courses that you

can get through without working."

Spatafora isn't trying to be an ogre, she is trying to bring reality into the classroom. Postgraduate lab work is complex and demanding, and when she started teaching, Spatafora vowed to prepare her students for it in the best possible way. This doesn't mean overwhelming them or being utterly unreasonable; rather, "In my book, demanding is fine as long as I continue to be fair."

As is clearly apparent, whether she is lecturing to a class or talking with a student in her office, teaching is what makes Grace Spatafora happiest. Her bright smile and eyes full of curiosity speak to her passion for sharing her knowledge.

"Something just turns on when I walk into the classroom," she says. "As a child, I was always the teacher when I played 'school' with my friends; and in college, when I studied in groups, I always found myself at

the chalkboard."

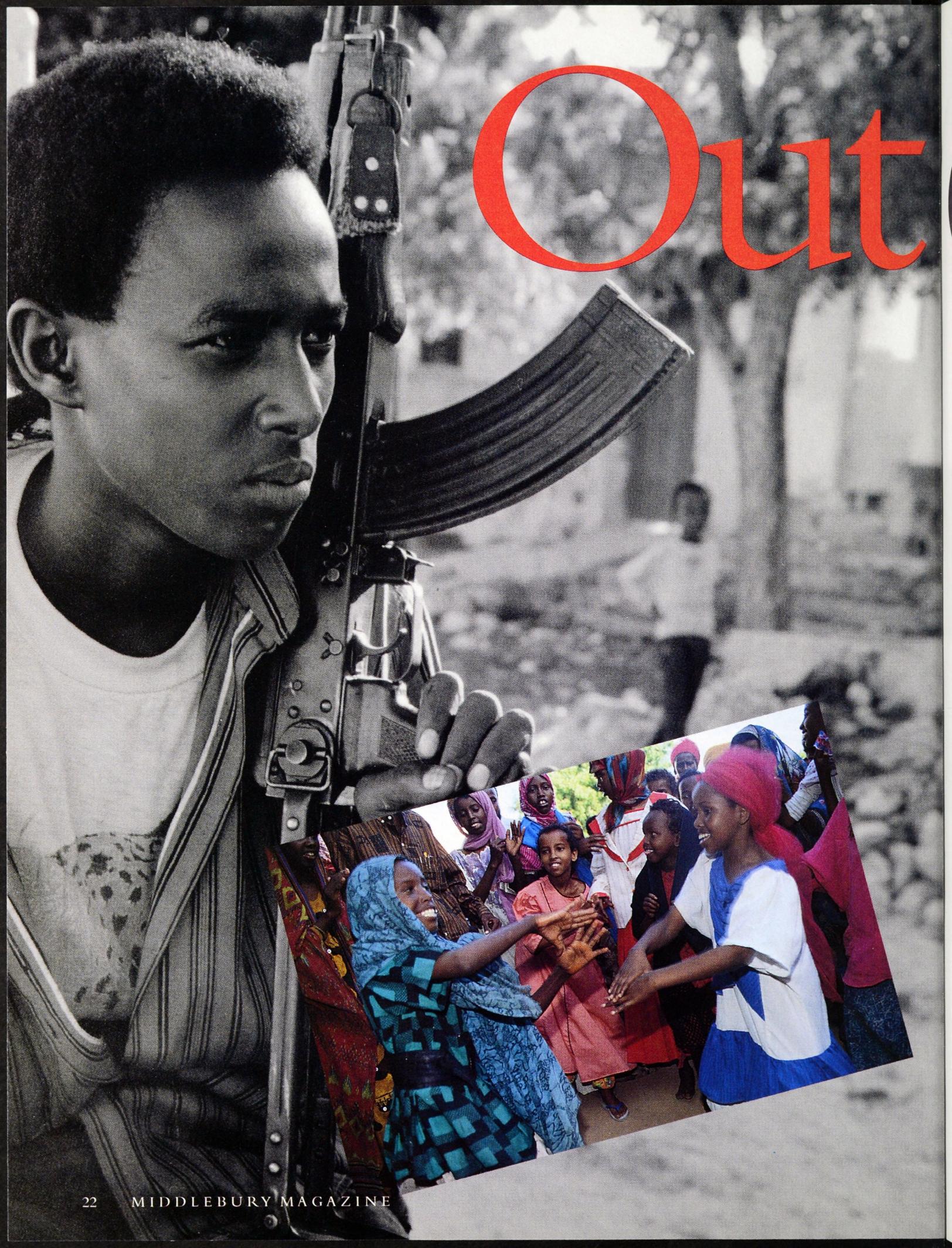
Spatafora recently passed her fourth-year review and is looking forward to spending many more years at the College. Next year she will take a one-year sabbatical to continue her ongoing research at the University of Vermont, a break she sees as needed "refreshment."

"I thrive on the research experience because it makes me a better teacher," says Dr. S, "and I'm not satisfied unless I'm continually improving as a teacher." ■



A demanding teacher, Dr. Spatafora is much respected by her students. And not just because she has a big dog.

Out



of Africa

By Andrew Purvis '82

Shortly before leaving New York for an assignment as Nairobi bureau chief of *Time* magazine four years ago, I remember telling a friend and journalist over lunch how thrilled I was to be going to Africa. At the same time I admitted: "I'm not sure I see myself as a war correspondent." In the spring of 1992, this didn't strike me as a contradiction. Recent news out of Africa had been remarkably muted, and I assumed that I would occupy myself reporting think pieces about the future of democracy in the post-Cold War world, and perhaps the occasional environment or wildlife story. Covering coups and military madmen, I guessed, was a thing of the past.

I guessed wrong. As the world knows too well, the past four years have produced some of the most horrific explosions of violence ever in Africa. Of necessity I have covered some of the worst of it, from clan wars in Somalia to genocide in Rwanda. It took getting used to, particularly at first. But like most correspondents in such conditions I have adjusted. The work is dangerous and disturbing, but it can also be exhilarating and even—when an important story is widely read—rewarding. Indeed, as my wife Gretchen Lang (also a journalist) and I prepare to leave Africa this summer, and we begin to contem-

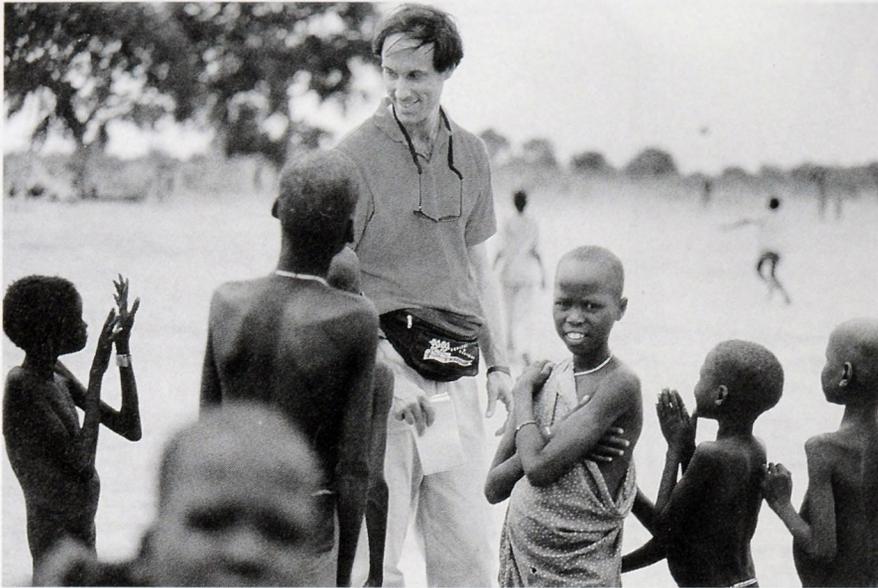
plate a life away from here, we are beginning to realize how accustomed to the extremes of this lifestyle we have become. "We are all suffering from a certain lack of proportion," was how one colleague put it to his editors recently, after returning from a long stay in Somalia.

Somalia, for me, was the most jarring of stories, perhaps because it was the first that I covered. Two weeks after arriving in Nairobi in the summer of 1992, I caught a ride on a small UN relief plane flying north over the vast dry lands of Kenya for the Horn of Africa, just as Somalia's famine was taking hold. There, at a feeding center in a small desert town where several dozen people were starving to death each day, a young woman swathed in a pink and black wrap lay curled in the hot sand, refusing food and drink. As I knelt down to speak with her, she looked in my eyes and died. "This is your first time here?" asked an old worker, noticing my tears. Though her death was the first of many I would see—from disease, machete wounds, mortar blasts—it was the last that would stir tears.

Soon after that visit, news came over the shortwave radio that President Bush was dispatching 28,000 troops to help the starving. Despite the stated object of Operation Restore Hope, the story quickly shifted from rural areas where most

of the hungry had gathered to the bombed out streets of Mogadishu, where clan warfare had reduced a once serene seaside trading capital to windswept ruins. Mogadishu was (and still is) a very dangerous and unpredictable place. My own experience of that began one morning a few weeks after the Marines arrived. I had set out to interview one of the city's main warlords who controlled the northern part of the city on the far side of the so-called 'greenline,' a swath of shell-blasted no-man's-land manned by opposing militiamen.

My Somali translator, who had made the trip several times before, helped arrange for a neutral vehicle (a windowless, bullet-riddled minibus) to ferry us across. But when we pulled up to the first checkpoint, a narrow-eyed clansman in stained T-shirt and cloth wrap took one look at me and leveled his rifle on my chest. Earlier that morning, he had been briefly disarmed by American soldiers, and despite my khakis, sports shirt, and prominent press card he mistook me for a soldier. My driver walked over and placed his own weapon on the man's gut. "If you kill him, I will kill you," the driver explained. We drove on. Later that day, as we were coming back across the greenline, the same gunman and a few colleagues ("camel herders" spat my college-educated translator



Andrew Purvis in Somalia: "Not all of our time here has been consumed with war and horror. Mixed in with the distress are moments of real hope."

in disgust) opened fire on our bus from 100 yards away. Raised on TV gun battles, I instinctively ducked, before realizing that it wouldn't appreciably better my chances. My translator shouted, the driver prayed, I hoped, and we survived—only to be ambushed 20 minutes later by trigger-happy gangsters gunning for our tires in the main marketplace.

It was a bad day and for weeks afterward I shuddered even at the sound of a door slamming. Working in a war zone, I realized, was going to involve some serious risk assessment. I began weighing the importance of the story against the danger involved in getting it. Ten colleagues, including several friends, made similar calculations while working in this region in the past three years but were killed anyway. Which should not be surprising, given the amount of gunplay in places like Somalia, Sudan, and Burundi these days. Thousands of civilians die in such conflicts, and it seems churlish to agonize over the risk to a few journalists whose job it is to bring these wars to the world's attention.

But on a personal level, that justification does not always spring to mind. My reasoning is often simple:

Do the job. A letter I received from my Somali translator (who is now studying agriculture in India on money he earned working for us in Mogadishu) urged me to remember that day along the greenline. "Was that not a very terrible and a very wonderful day?" he wrote, in fractured English. "Terrible because we risked our lives, but wonderful because we achieved our objective (interviewing the warlord)?" I suppose it was.

Owing to different deadlines, my wife Gretchen and I seldom travel together. But when we return to Nairobi, we are often eager to unburden ourselves. Though neither of us enjoys hearing war stories where our spouse's life was at risk, sharing experiences does help us understand what the other person has been through and why, for instance, he or she feels compelled with no apparent provocation to smash the phone to bits after returning from Somalia, or Burundi, or Liberia, just because the thing is out of order for the 10th time this month. More importantly, it helps the two of us create a bridge between two very different worlds. We have both skied through the woods

at Bread Loaf on a bright spring afternoon, and now we both have covered under the bed of Mogadishu's Sahafi Hotel as bullets punctured the plaster and ricocheted down the halls.

Which doesn't make Africa sound very inviting. But not all of our time here has been consumed with war and horror. Mixed in with the distress are moments of real hope. As the UN was withdrawing from Mogadishu last year, I was struck by the desire of many Somalis to shunt aside their warlords and put the chaos behind them. On one afternoon in particular we had returned to the hotel, only to crouch for hours in an underground linen closet as the warlords slugged it out with antiaircraft guns, mounted on "technicals" or battle wagons, outside our front gate. The fighting continued until just before midnight, before subsiding. Then a strange thing happened. Through the plaster walls we heard the sound of women singing. We emerged from our bunker to see hundreds of women dressed in bright robes marching through the silent smoky streets chanting a Somali song: "Brother should not fight brother." Standing at the gate of the Sahafi, a small group of journalists who had covered the country for years were moved—almost to tears. Perhaps it was relief, after a day of shell fire. But it seemed like something more. When we leave Africa, it will be such memories as much as the horror that, we hope, will endure. ■

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Journal Entries 1992-1996

By Gretchen Lang '83

In the fall of 1992 I quit my newspaper job, subleased my Brooklyn apartment and went to join Andrew [Andrew Purvis, see story page 22] in Nairobi. Three weeks later I took a small aid plane to Somalia and began work as a freelance journalist for the *Boston Globe*. When I left New York I had no inkling of the joys and terrors that awaited me in Africa. If I had, would I ever have gotten on the plane?

A door shut locking us into a tiny plane with cases of beer and mattresses stuffed into a cabin with two seats. The pilot, a jowly Australian fell asleep at the controls after we were airborne. Two and a half hours later we landed on an empty strip in a feverish landscape. I flashed my white butt at the crowd of ragtag Somalis as I peed behind a thornbush a few yards from the plane. *In Baidoa I was briefly abducted by teenage gunmen and watched parents cradle their dying children.*

Food, she pleaded. The old woman stroked her throat. Three grandchildren were already dead, she said, but the others were improving. Some children are recovered enough to fashion machine-gun toys out of blocks of wood, hanging the replicas over their shoulders like their elders do with the real thing. Others haven't got that much pluck. Their knees are bony knots along reed thin legs. A young woman in Arab Bedouin dress squats in the dirt and coughs. She spits and coughs again, a wave of pain crossing her face.

On December 6, the first of 28,000 U.S. soldiers landed on the beaches of Mogadishu. Representatives from the media were almost as numerous. We squeezed into a half-built hotel soon to be christened the Sahafi, or "journalist" hotel.

Mogadishu, Sahafi Hotel. This place is like a summer camp for demented adults. Part of me thinks I'm already too old for this shit. The Marines are playing with their toys over at the airport. Satellite dishes rise like full moons over the rooftops. At 11 p.m. the water comes on for a few minutes, then dies. Plates of dirty rice, cockroaches as big as my thumb. Hey, this is great. *The Sahafi was a world unto itself. It wasn't comfortable—it wasn't even safe (Voice of America's Alex Belinda was hit by stray gunfire as he ate his meal in the dining hall). But it was home to a wonderful tribe of reporters and was sometimes the scene of great courage.*

Writer's block. I've happened on a unique antidote—heavy artillery fire. Here I was wondering what to write and a huge battle broke out right over our heads at the Sahafi Hotel. Eventually with exasperation I left my computer and lay on the floor—then it got louder, huge bone shaking booms and deafening rat-tat-tats of small arms fire that sounded right outside my room. I pulled the mattress over my head. Andrew, Josh, Joy, and Louise Tunbridge were in the hall on the floor. I called to Andrew who opened the door briefly but we couldn't move. It really was less fear than a deep-seated desire for all the noise to stop.

Some of the reporters at the Sahafi never made it home. Four were stoned to death by an enraged mob after U.N. warplanes bombed the city. At least four more were assassinated by unknown gunmen. Every trip to Mogadishu began to seem like a game of Russian roulette. Why, I kept wondering, did we go?

Nightmares. Imprisoned by Somalia with guns. U.S. warplanes bombing a runway. Where to hide? I draw close to Andrew at night wondering if our life together will be cut short. I'm frightened. Why do we think of going? To be heroes? Because we're bored? What do our readers need to know that only we can tell them? *But when things went well it was like riding high on a jet stream of adrenaline.*

"Just another day for you and me in Paradise," screeches the tape deck as we weave through the filthy, bomb pocked streets. Ragged people swarm to and fro—a woman laughs and moves out of the way, a boy slaps a donkey. I feel strong and adventurous. *No one ever lingered in Somalia longer than he or she had to though. It was always just write your stories and get out before Somalia's ongoing anarchy showed up at your door. Now that the United Nations has left Somalia to its own self-destructive impulses, we journalists are more than tempted to do the same.*

An odd peace. The wind howls through the Sahafi Hotel. People walk leisurely by and stop to talk. They smile and spend time chatting after dinner over cups of coffee. No one has gotten sick yet. The story's dead. But still we all shifted in our chairs when we heard that a journalist had been shot, his leg shattered, his driver dead. We are trying to get out today. My stories are filed and I'm tired. Now we just hope we can get home safely. The sand is settling on these pages as I write. ■

HIGH DRAMA

Mel Gussow '55 casts a critical eye
on the New York theatre scene

By Rachel Morton

Mel Gussow's neighborhood in New York's Greenwich Village feels like the New York of another era. The brick buildings are a manageable four stories, and clinging to their old brick facades are ancient wisteria and bittersweet vines; their small backyards have children's toys scattered among flower beds and shade trees. Residents know each other—many, like Gussow, have spent a lifetime within a few city blocks.

Gussow's professional life has been equally as focused and self-contained. For four decades, he has followed the artistic life of the city, especially its theatre, writing reviews for the *New York Times*, profiles for the *New Yorker*, and completing several books. Winner of the George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism, Gussow '55 has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, as well as a Middlebury Alumni Achievement Award.

Over the years Gussow has had the opportunity to survey the changing theatre scene in New York and get to know some of the most respected artists and playwrights in the country and the world.

"There was a greater ferment in the theatre in the early 1960s," says

Gussow. (That same ferment was present in Gussow's neighborhood at that time—a block from his current home. Next door to his apartment, a house blew up as a result of a Weathermen bomb factory in the basement. "We lived on one floor, Dustin Hoffman and his then-wife lived on the other floor. It was a frightening time. It made us rethink how we felt about the streets, about the liberal politics at the time.")

The creative, sometimes dangerous spirit of the sixties led to a vital spirit in the theatre. "It was more exciting than it is today. Broadway has become much more of a tourist attraction, and Broadway audiences to a great extent are people who want to see stars."

Because it is now so expensive to put a play on Broadway, most of the best playwrights, according to Gussow, don't ever show up on Broadway. "Occasionally something good gets on Broadway, but it gets on because it's been done elsewhere first."

Obviously Gussow is a man who's accustomed to saying what he thinks. About the current trend toward revivals, he's blunt: "Some plays are worth reviving, some are not. There was no reason to bring back *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*.

Showboat, on the other hand, is a very good show and of certain importance in the history of the American musical theatre."

Strong opinions can elicit strong responses, and Gussow is not one to mince words. "I spare no feelings," he says. "Kindness doesn't pay off for the critic or for the reader." Though he has received furious letters from outraged playwrights and *mothers* of playwrights, more often what he writes serves to further the careers of talented artists.

"In the early days of people like Sam Shepherd, Lanford Wilson, David Mamet, I could be almost the first person on the block to write about them." Gussow also promoted the work of Miguel Piñero, a prisoner at Sing Sing, whose play eventually ended up at Lincoln Center on the main stage. "It was an opportunity to find something new and fresh and be instrumental in what came after."

He's also followed the careers of many actors from the stage into film. "I wish Dustin Hoffman and Al Pacino would do more theatre. Meryl Streep—I saw her when she was a student at Yale playing the widest variety of roles you can imagine—I remember her as one of our best stage actresses. But it's very

hard for an actor to have a consistent career in theatre, so many of them turn to television, movies, and commercials.”

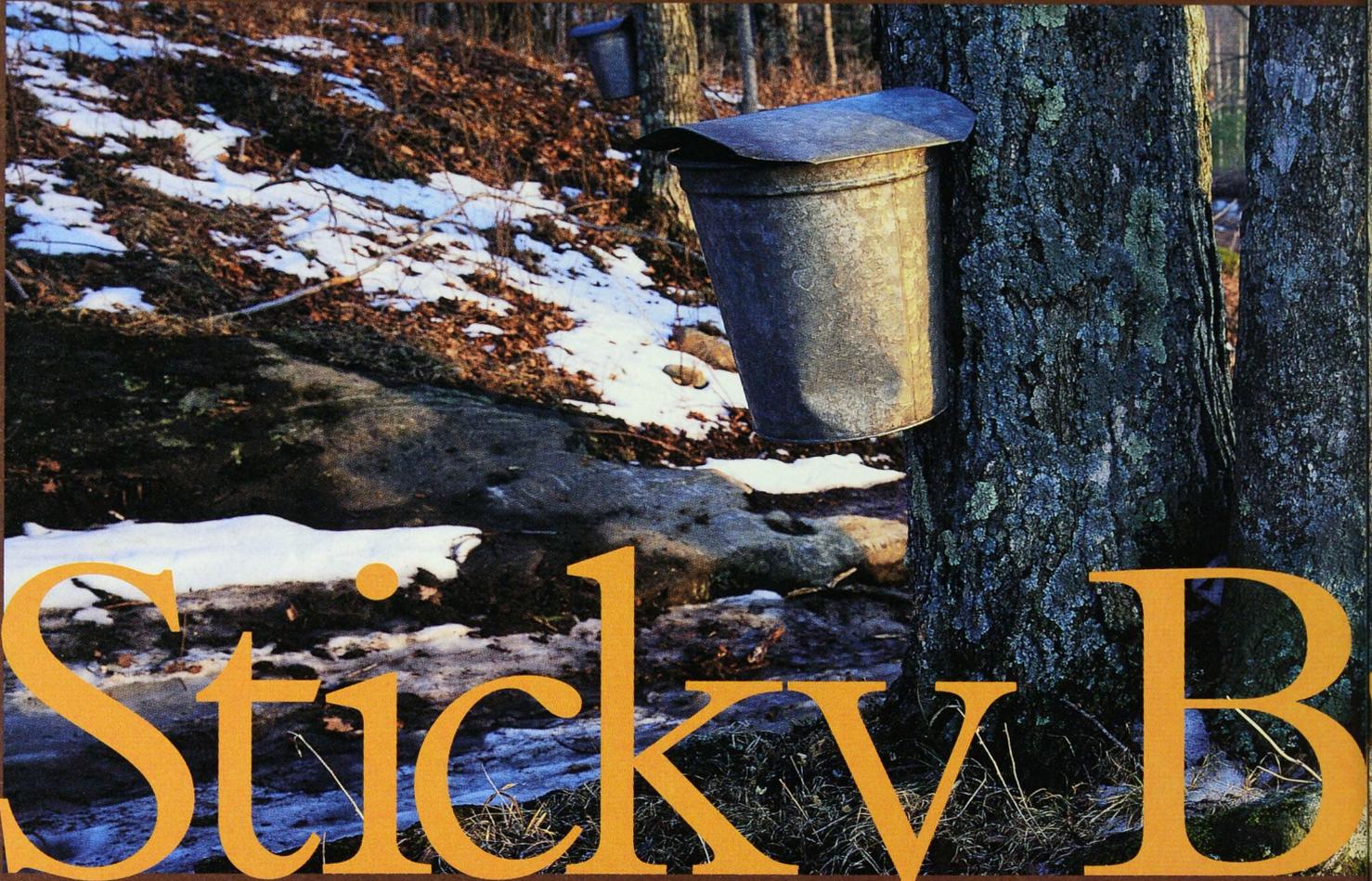
The playwrights, however, have remained. Stoppard, Pinter, Beckett—some of the most important creative voices in the theatre—Gussow has covered their plays and interviewed them many times during the course of their professional careers. In his current writing projects he has brought forward years of these taped interviews and conversations. *Conversations with Stoppard* was recently published by Limelight Press; it followed his earlier *Conversations with Pinter*. In both these books Gussow, through his insightful questions and delicate editing, enables the reader to understand much of these men’s methods and personal motivations. He has a special affection for Samuel Beckett, whom he met nearly yearly. “Every time after I left him I’d go to my car and try to write everything I remembered.” One of the walls in Gussow’s study has a number of striking photographs of Beckett, and one hopes that Gussow will one day publish their conversations, too.

Gussow’s beat has broadened considerably these days to include American literary life, and he cites Middlebury as preparing him for the task. “I majored in American literature with Reginald Cook, who was a truly great teacher and who inspired all of us to read works and try to understand them. I had a great background with him, and I think this grounding in literature is certainly a great help today.” He has recently reviewed—very positively—Carol Shields’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Stone Diaries*, and says he admires the writing of V.S. Naipaul, “who has never written a bad book in his life, hardly written a bad sentence in his life.”

Certainly a model any critic, or writer, would want to emulate. ■



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Everybody knows how good maple syrup tastes. And nearly everybody who knows anything about the process by which it is made thinks of maple sugaring and the syrup itself as good, natural, delightful, somehow *wholesome*. But only the people who actually make maple syrup know the central fact about the stuff: that it represents enough hard physical work to put the average office-dweller in his grave.

All the traditional implements for sugaring, all the homemade farm inventions, even the newer contemporary technological innovations like tubing, sap-suckers, and reverse-osmosis machines are designed to allow men and women of normal physique to handle a very difficult task: to remove several hundred tons of sap from hillside maple trees, transport it over rudimentary roads and wet, snowy, uneven, muddy ground to a sugarhouse. Once there,

the task is only slightly less Herculean—to bring these thousands of gallons of sap to a frantic boil and reduce it in volume some 40 times over. If any of that sounds simple, it shouldn't.

Bill Sargent, who is the buyer for Middlebury's food service department, has been sugaring since he was a baby. "Sugaring has been in my family for five generations. It just gets in your blood," he says. "There's no Aunt Jemima on *my* table."

His sugarbush is right outside of Middlebury, where he and his cousin tap about 200 acres of trees. This spring they put in about 1,800 taps and hope to end up with 400-500 gallons of syrup. While Sargent collects syrup through tubing, Helen Harris, of Berlin, Vermont, recalls the many springtimes she spent helping a central Vermont sugarmaker gather sap the old-fashioned way. During a sap run, she'd haul heavy, slopping

sap buckets through the mud and snow, day after day.

On a good day, figuring in tractor breakdowns, getting stuck, other equipment problems, and the ever-rising level of frustration experienced by tired people pushing hard, she and the two syrup makers she was helping were usually able to bring in two or three loads of sap. She can remember a handful of days when they got in four loads. Those days invariably came toward the end of the season, when their muscles were stronger, tempers more stable, and they had remembered, once again, all the moves and rhythms of gathering.

More typical days were spent wallowing through four-foot-deep snow, wet to the skin because of drenching herself with a full bucket of sap, when too much time was spent pushing a stuck tractor or hauling sap, when the drill didn't



The deliciously hard work of making Vermont maple syrup

By Tom Slayton

Business

work or bucket covers were forgotten, or someone had twisted an ankle or caught a cold.

She would normally wind up each sugaring season exhausted, completely wiped out. Yet each year, 10 months later, she would find herself looking forward to sugaring season once again. Now in her 40s, she remembers those seasons of sugaring, probably the hardest physical work she ever did or ever will do, with palpable longing and nostalgia.

"It's probably because I just love being out in the woods, especially at that time of the year," she recalled. "You can tell winter's going to end: it's warm and sunny, and you can see the snow melting at the base of each tree. The work is hard, but it feels good to do hard physical work."

Sargent agrees. "One of nicest things about sugaring is being out in the woods. It's just something I've got

to do every year."

Another sugaring paradox is that it happens—because it *must* happen—at what every Vermonter agrees is the most unpleasant time of the year: mud season. Novelist Stephen Morris wrote once in the *Rutland Herald*, "Mud season is so hellacious, it makes the boiling of tree sap seem like fun." Vermont food writer Marialisa Calta notes accurately in her book, *Fresh from Vermont*, that you have to be "perversely Yankee" to like maple sugaring, but that it is, after all, the first harvest of the year.

Those bitten by the maple sugaring bug wouldn't miss it. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of Vermonters still seek their chance to battle through the snow and mud, wrestle buckets and taps onto and off trees, haul and boil tons of sap into syrup, and stay up until the smallest morning hours tending steaming

pans of sweet-smelling syrup.

Perhaps that is why Vermont and maple sugaring are so closely identified with one another: sugaring encapsulates so many Vermont values—hard work, a closeness to nature and the seasons, the making of a delicious food product by small, independent entrepreneurs, and so on. It just seems like us, and that's probably one reason why Vermont is the nation's top producer of maple syrup, making more than \$10 million worth annually.

That early spring burst of activity unflinchingly ties Vermonters to the land and the rhythm of the seasons. It's our particular form of alchemy, I guess, the alchemy of wood-fired arch and steaming maple sap that turns our grimmest season and the year's hardest labor into pure gold. ■

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*A seat
at the head
of the class*



Alumni College makes its contribution to lifelong learning

By Cynthia Baughman

College degree in hand, school's out forever. Right? Wrong. That's not the choice increasing numbers of adults make. We're not talking about those who go on to graduate or professional schools. We're talking about others—whose lives change, whose minds stay alive, whose curiosity is not quenched, who continue to wonder and want to learn. We're talking about a wave of interest in lifelong learning spreading throughout the country. And right at the head of this class are Middlebury alumni.

What motivates people to seek out and participate in educational opportunities beyond their academic and professional degrees? A look at recent research on the subject shows that, for one thing, lifetime employment with one company, or even in one field, is no longer a given. College graduates today can expect to hold a dozen jobs in three or four different fields. A shrinking economy has meant that many mid-career baby boomers have been forced into reconsidering their career paths, and many are actively reshaping themselves for a changed market.

In addition to job changers, older people increasingly pursue continuing education. Fact: 85 percent of the over-65 population are healthy. Further, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging reports that, "The existing scientific research shows that barring illness, aging does not cause decline in mental powers, in creativity, or in the ability to remember things." The report continues: "In corporate surround-

ings, senior centers, and university classrooms all over America, elders are beginning to redefine the concept of old age. . . . Lifelong learning programs are the explosions heard 'round the country in our aging revolution."

So what has Middlebury been doing about all this? Leading, as usual. Middlebury's alumni, sometimes with spouses or friends, have returned to the Bread Loaf campus for each of the last 20 years as the seasons change from summer to fall. They come in sandals and sweaters, jeans and shorts; show up on time for class and have their attendance taken; prepare homework and participate in class discussions. (They revel, however, in the absence of quizzes, papers, and final examinations.) They bow their heads over books and raise them to view peach-colored sunsets over the mountains. For two decades they have been coming for all the reasons others are only now discovering. The younger members of this group will find child care available in future sessions, enabling them to stretch their minds on subjects related or unrelated to careers or raising children. Parents of current Middlebury students can study under some of the same professors who teach their children. All can experience again the excitement of the intellectual life they lived in college.

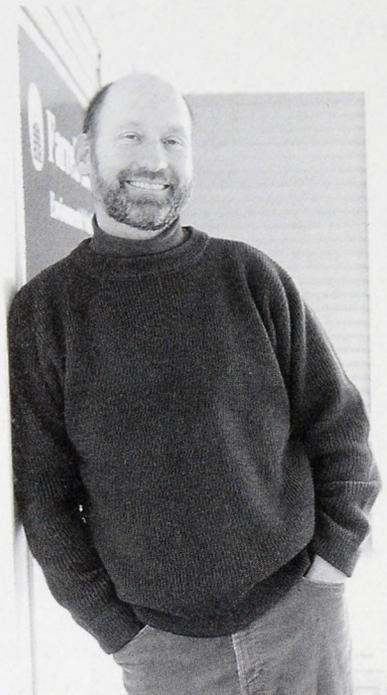
Each year at Alumni College Middlebury offers mini-courses and special lectures in a variety of disciplines. Russell Leng '60, professor of political science, serves as academic director. He is the third

Middlebury alumnus to head the program that gives most weight to intellectual studies, but also includes artistic pursuits, such as the pastel painting course last year led by James Butler, professor of art, and athletic options, such as the hiking and writing course scheduled this year under John Elder, professor of English and environmental studies. For Leng, "Middlebury is teaching, friendship, place. I think of Alumni College as an extension of our teaching mission. It's a real 'Green Mountain high' for me."

The presence of Middlebury faculty experts enlivens classes in unexpected ways. Those enrolled in "The USSR: A Crisis of Union" during August 1991 examined the



Cynthia Atherton is teaching a course on the impact of Japanese art.



John Elder and his students hike in the Green Mountains and do nature writing.

failed coup—while it happened—under the guidance of Ronald Liebowitz, professor of geography and now vice president of the College, as Mikhail Gorbachev was ousted (almost) by his opponents and then reinstated by Boris Yeltsin's tank-topping maneuver. Alumni are still talking about the daily changing syllabus, the insights brought by Liebowitz, and the agility with which he shifted gears according to the power shifts taking place half a world away.

Alumni College is only one of the ways in which Middlebury enables alumni to continue lifelong learning. Technology is another way the College offers leadership. FlanNet, Middlebury's foreign language communications network, operates in eight languages to link 1,300 alumni of the Language Schools as they share ideas and resources. BreadNet, accessible by students and alumni of the Bread Loaf School of English, makes possible continuing contact among this community, as well as linking

their classrooms in joint telecommunications projects.

At the final banquet for Alumni College last summer Leng welcomed participants, introduced speakers, and generally seemed omnipresent. Jackets, ties, and some dinner dresses had appeared as the group came together to celebrate their community of learners. Awards went to those who had attended all 20 sessions of Alumni College: Eleanor Berry '32, Natalie Dunsmoor '35, and Eleanor '48 and Kyle '49 Prescott. The tone shifted as awards were presented for "grace in the face of silliness" and political correctness. This last was a group award given to the men who responded in "How to

Look at a Movie," taught by Ted Perry, professor of theatre and art, to a film (in which two women killed, cooked, and ate the male character) with comments such as "There was a nice sense of color," and "I thought it was a creative use of kitchen tools." More awards tumbled out, full of some very funny in-jokes, which can't really be explained—you had to be there. Yes. That's the point. You have to be there. That's what Alumni College participants think. ■

Middlebury's Alumni College XXI takes places at the Bread Loaf Mountain Campus August 28-September 1, 1996. See the flyer inside the back cover for more information.

In Their Own Words

DENISE SCHLENER '77, director of strategic planning and development for the environment, Yale University, came to study global economics because of its applications to her career. "You have to understand the global economy because it is totally intertwined with the environment. Whatever happens in the economy affects the environment."



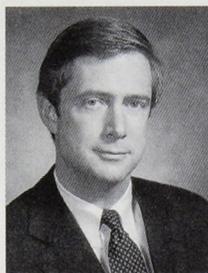
Denise Schlener '77

TED MAGIDA has been coming since 1979, when his son graduated from Middlebury. "The faculty have shown great imagination; it is flattering they would go to this amount of trouble and effort. The courses I've had have been fantastic."

ELEANOR BERRY '32, a wife, mother, and the librarian who rebuilt the public library of Hingham, Massachusetts, has attended every Alumni College. "At Homecoming it is very different: it is a coming together of classmates. But here, it is minds meeting minds. This is a wonderful period of stimulation."

NANCY FAULKNER '55 runs the publications office for The Park School in Brookline, Massachusetts. She took "Pastel Painting from the Landscape" under James Butler, professor of art. "He was like a mother; he could find something beautiful in every child. . . . As a highlight, I learned how to put in a purple shadow, a really purple shadow. These are not just ho-hum people off the street here, they're amazing."

JUNE AND RALPH COBB '60, a computer specialist, are parents of a son in the Class of 1993. "We enjoyed returning last year to Middlebury's best-kept entertainment secret—Alumni College at Bread Loaf. If you can spare the holiday weekend, this has got to be the short vacation value of the century . . . highly recommended." ■



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by John M. McCardell, Jr.

TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD THE FUTURE

It has been one year since the Board of Trustees adopted a revision of the College's long-range plan. That decision, which embraced a series of strategic goals—enhancing curricular “peaks,” offering expanded opportunities for application of liberal study to “real world” situations, enhancing the College's reputation for general excellence in the liberal arts, and strengthening its financial base—chose as well, as a course for pursuing those goals, an ambitious facilities plan and a gradual expansion, over 10 years, of the student body (by 350) and the faculty (by 30 positions). The Trustees determined that infrastructural requirements would be fully met before the expansion took place. And, they concluded, success in carrying out these plans would make Middlebury the “college of choice” in a new century.

In the course of the present year, we have begun to come to grips with many of the specific and immediate consequences of these far-reaching decisions, and we have come more fully to realize both the magnitude and the interrelationship of the issues before us. I have found these discussions, even from afar, substantive and clarifying, and, as a result, worthy of recapitulation, however briefly, in this space.

A decision to grow has many implications. As stated at greater length in the 1994-95 annual report, we believe that a larger student body, and a concomitantly larger faculty and staff, will bring greater strength to our academic program. In defiance of the conventional wisdom, we have seen the size and quality of our applicant pool grow over the past several years, and we have attracted a higher percentage of actual matriculants than ever before. Though all

the figures for the current cycle are not yet in, we have had a record number of applications for a class that will, in fact, be smaller than the class admitted a year ago. Though a happy problem, this means many more excellent students want to come to Middlebury than we can now accommodate. There is no evidence to suggest, in other words, that expanding the size of the student body will do anything other than offer the opportunity to study at our College to a larger number of superbly qualified students. To recognize this reality, and adjust for it, is to act consistently with our predecessors, who boldly chose not to stand still when the enrollment was 500, or 1,000, or 1,200, and improved the quality of the College each time as a result.

Setting an enrollment goal allows us to plan our facilities with a longer view. It is certainly not wise to construct a building that is full to capacity on the day it opens or that is not adaptable to other uses or changing needs. Nor is it advisable to plan one building at a time; study, dining, and residential patterns are closely related, and the placement of new buildings, as well as decisions about the renovation of existing structures, ignore these relationships at their peril. Once again, we note this seemingly simple but sometimes overlooked truth: the residential college experience, as a whole, remains at the forefront of our thinking, and as we plan, we are constantly trying to keep all aspects of student life on campus before us.

There are, as well, programmatic implications. Unlike previous periods of growth, we seek to deepen rather than broaden our academic offerings. In truth, the rich array of courses, majors, and programs put in place by our faculty

with such care and regarded by our students with such pride surpasses those of many larger institutions. We have chosen not to compromise that richness but instead to provide a larger population for it to serve. As to students, so also to faculty: many of these offerings are thinly or inadequately staffed. Laying strength upon strength, as opposed to developing new initiatives, is our chosen course.

All of these issues received careful consideration in our planning for our science programs. This year, we have chosen a site and selected an architect for a new science facility, which the trustees have named Bicentennial Hall. The decision to create a new building was carefully made.

The current Science Center, prominently placed at the campus gateway, made an important statement about the role of scientific study on the Middlebury campus. Science enrollments grew. More degrees in science were awarded. The building quickly filled up, with more students, faculty, and equipment. Within 25 years, we had outgrown it.

In addressing the question of additional space, we weighed not only the needs of our science faculty and students, but also the relationship of those to other needs, and to the physical placement of spaces to meet those needs. And we concluded that a new science facility, prominently placed at what will, over the next 100 years, come to be near the center of campus, will send the message appropriate to our own time, and offer our successors a variety of options for siting future buildings. Constructed on a splendid site atop the

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By Henriette Lazaridis Power '82

JASMINE, A LINGERING MEMORY OF GREECE

Greece is different today because my grandmother died there last August. For as long as I can remember, I had only to dial 6510776—numbers chanted in my head in a mnemonic device that never changed, through childhood, adolescence, college, and adulthood—to see the foyer in my grandmother's house where the phone would ring and she would come shuffling her slippers or her wedge-heeled shoes from the kitchen to answer the harsh ring of the bell.

For as long as I can remember, I had only to write the address Lefkosias 39 to see the pistachio-green front fence and the groaning gate just beside which the pistachio mailbox hung with its worn bronze flap. If I tried a bit, although sometimes it worked better not to try at all, I could smell that faint sweetness of jasmine, which you could never capture by simply pushing your nose into the bush of white small blossoms, but which always seemed to follow you, letting you know it was there just after you had passed it. Smelling the jasmine in my grandmother's front garden was like trying to spot a faint star in the sky: you can only really see it when you are not looking directly at it.

For as long as I can remember, I could and would tell people about the wonderful things about my grandmother's house: the smell of eggplant, olive oil, or apricot tart that filled the downstairs; the oranges, plums, grapes, and lemons that grew in her tiny back garden; the coolness of the marble floors which my grandmother uncov-

ered, each summer, after rolling up her winter rugs. The house was a world unto itself—a cool pocket of rich smells and tastes, walled in away from the car horns and glaring heat of Athens.

My grandmother's things, her house, seem to stand out in my memory almost more sharply than my grandmother herself. Perhaps this is so because, as my grandmother got older, she moved less dynamically about the house and seemed hemmed in by her things. But I'm not sure that is true. I remember having to convince her that she shouldn't roll those heavy rugs herself, and that she should leave it to someone else to tilt them up into the front closet. And I remember repeatedly failing in my attempts to help her with dinner, with dishes, watching my grandmother resolutely tie her apron back time and again. She was, always, in charge of her house. It may be that I think about her things because they remained unchanged during the 30 or so years that I can really remember my grandmother. My grandmother changed, and I changed—perhaps more radically—in those 30 years, but our relationship was shaped inside a house that was familiar and fixed. The unchanging house remained our context and our framework.

Virtually nothing in my grandmother's house today is different from the way it was when I first saw it—with the exception of the countless photographs of me that my grandmother put up throughout the house, to people it with her growing grandchild who was mostly away. A promi-

nent paperweight was a piece of shrapnel that had fallen in 1942 near the house where she and her husband had raised their only son. The clothes-washer and car were both made in the 1950s when it was stylish to be bulbous and edged with chrome. The calendar in the back hallway was taped forever to the page marking the date in 1963 on which my grandfather had died. Even the Balkan bric-a-brac she brought home from those tours she took later with her similarly widowed friends was frozen in time, stuck 20 years behind the present in the never-ending 1950s of Eastern European communism. Summer after summer, inside and out, nothing changed about my grandmother's house. Each time I returned to Greece from a school year in America, arriving in the quiet heat of the afternoon siesta, Lefkosias 39 was immediately recognizable, reliable, even while each year the houses around it had grown outwards and upwards, until finally they blocked our view of downtown Athens.

Some might have felt stifled by my grandmother's persistently old-fashioned house. Clearly my grandmother's neighbors wanted what was new, and made sure they got it in the form of concrete additions. But to me, Lefkosias 39 was a small box of consistency and calm that I hoped would never alter its mechanical mangle or her Volkswagen Beetle with the cloth sunroof and the tiny rear window.

But because her house failed to show any signs of the passage of time, the changes in my grandmother were



more noticeable. Each summer when I looked for her face in the shouting crowd that invariably surged around and in front of her at the airport, I noticed the change in her—as I know she did in me. It was like playing cards with a deck of faces and slapping the next card down to cancel out the one before. When I was younger, she would sometimes spot me first at the airport and call out to me in her tremulous voice. But as I got older—and taller than her—she stopped calling out, knowing that I wouldn't be able to hear her. The last few times she came to the airport to greet me herself, I remember just seeing her small gray shape standing silently behind the shifting rows of brown-skinned men and women who clamored and waved their cigarettes.

As a child, I often left for Greece before my parents did, spending weeks just at my grandmother's house, following her daily regimen of lunch and siesta and then sitting on the verandah with her after dinner and before bed. She took me places then, like the islands of Tinos and Syros and the ancient theatre at Dodoni. She taught me how to read and write Greek, sitting with me on the dusty balcony upstairs as I sounded out the uppercase letters of the Mickey Mouse comics we bought from the kiosk.

When I went back to America, she sent me the new Mickey Mouse from the kiosk, each week, for many years.

When I was little, I had only a slight sense of the distance I traveled by plane each June to reach my grandmother. Greece and America felt hardly different to me, despite the fact that I went from a leafy Boston suburb to the heat of Athens and the stark white of treeless Greek islands. My first concern came when I was perhaps nine and I refused to speak English in Greece and Greek in America. Too young to appreciate the value of the exotic, I didn't want to be different.

By the time I reached college, I was different—different from Greeks in Greece and different from my peers at Middlebury, only two of whom were of Greek descent. And my grandmother's world was palpably different from the world of an American college student in Vermont. She couldn't understand some of the clothes I wore—especially not the “masculine” leather boots and the poufy down jacket she saw me wearing in pictures. And my long Indian skirt with the mirrors on the hem was the garb of a hippie, a word she pronounced with a hissing Greek “h.” Still, she asked me questions about my life; she listened as I described college classes in, strangely, more than one subject; and she was

amazed when I explained that the college had its own ski area. She tried quite gamely to grow accustomed to her granddaughter the American college student. I still remember how she used to say Middlebury, almost purring the last syllables as she tried not to roll the “r.”

With herself she was less fussy, somewhat indecorously bouncing the refrigerator door open with her hips as she dug in its bottom drawer, and never hesitating—as perhaps she should have—to climb and carry ladders, wrestle with enormous watermelons, or drive an aging car through Athens traffic. Even though I didn't see it, I have a distinct memory of the time my grandmother locked herself out of the house and dragged a ladder from the garage, climbed up it, and crawled through the kitchen window and into the marble sink.

Now that I can no longer go back to Lefkosias 39 to sit with my grandmother in her garden, I wonder if my memories of her will fade. I wonder if they are as clear as they could be in the first place, or if I should have paid more attention to my grandmother while I was growing up and she was growing old.

I wonder if people are like jasmine, not fully comprehended until after their lives have passed and the memories linger in the air. I wonder what will happen to the many cats who ate the sauces, eggplant, and meats my grandmother saved for them and who wandered through the house's open windows and doors. I wonder if my grandmother kept a calendar in the kitchen this year, as she did every year, mounted in an old note-holder shaped embarrassingly like an Old South Aunt Jemima. And I wonder what will happen to the page for August 18—whether anyone will tape over the page for the day she died. ■

After seven years teaching English literature at Harvard, Henriette Lazaridis Power '82 is now finishing her first novel.

By Ryan Jennings '93

THE ICE MEN COMETH, AGAIN

Had you suggested two years ago that Middlebury men's ice hockey, coming off a disappointing 13-10 season, would skate away with *one* national championship much less back-to-back titles, even die-hard fans would have thought you'd been drinking anti-freeze. Picked 11th in the pre-season ECAC East poll, the only list the Panthers qualified for was endangered species status.

"We weren't even picked to make the playoffs," said an incredulous David Erickson, a senior left-winger.

Well, believe it.

Guided by a dozen cagey upperclassmen and sparked by seven talented sophomores and three first-year students, the Panthers captured the NCAA Division III national championship for the second year in a row with a 3-2 triumph over the Rochester Institute of Technology in River Falls, Wisconsin.

Last year, the team brought off its first national title with a 1-0 drubbing of Fredonia (N.Y.) State on home ice, igniting deafening waves of Panthermonium at Duke Nelson Arena. But school record 23-2-2 and 26-2 seasons, each punctuated by a first-year student scoring the championship winning goal, wouldn't have been possible without the current sophomore class.

"Immediately it was a case where people hit it off and it carried over to the ice," said head coach Bill Beaney, recalling when the sophomores arrived. "And it became

apparent instantly that we had two excellent goaltenders. I think that got everyone excited."

How excited? Enough to pile up 49 wins in two years for this group that could be stamped Team United Nations. At the start of this season, Beaney looked at a roster that included 12 Americans (from 10 different states), 10 Canadians, a Finn, a Swede, a Russian, and, oh yes, may we have a Czech, thank you. That's more diversity than any NHL roster. Team United Nations's 22-page media guide even came complete with a pronunciation chart of players' names. Jättne and Jirousek don't exactly roll off the tongue.

And with sophomore supergoalies François Bourbeau (27-0-2 career record, 1.75 goals-against average, .911 save percentage) and Chris Farion (22-4, 1.81, .910) anchoring the nets, an outstanding corps of defensemen smothering opponents' attack at the blue line, and a splendid mix of youth and experience up front unleashing 42 shots per game, it's little wonder this team wiped their skates on good teams as if they were doormats.

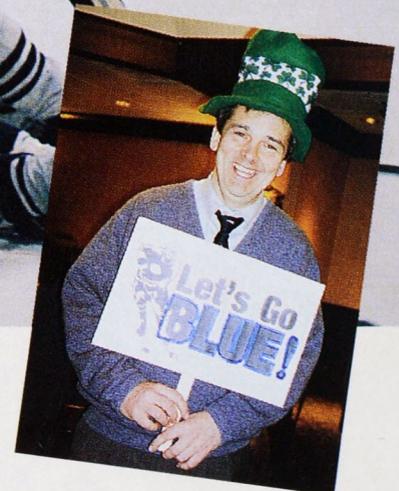
"When you consider we didn't have a guy in the top 20 in scoring in the league, yet we outscored every team in the league by over 20 goals, that tells you things were spread around pretty well," said the 10th-year coach, the 1990 and 1995 Division III National Coach of the Year.

"Look at big goals throughout the season. (Ross) Sealfon gets the





Senior co-captains Ian Smith and Martin Lachaine led the Panthers to back-to-back NCAA Division III national championships.



winning goal in the national championship. (Nickolai) Bobrov, another freshman, gets the winning goal against Bowdoin just after they tied it up. Ryan Goldman scores the winning goal against Colby. It wasn't the same one guy or two or three guys doing it every game."

This team didn't possess the phenomenal individual scoring prowess of a Phil Latreille '61 or a Mike Karin '59, who between them still own every Middlebury scoring record, or the likes of a Marc '91 or Ray '93 Alcindor, a Tim Craig '93, or a Kent Hughes '92, players who prowled the slot on the '91 ECAC championship team. But consider this: 16 players on this year's squad totaled 14 or more points and 21 different players bent the mesh.

"Great depth and super balance," said A.I.C. head coach Gary Wright of the Panthers' four strong, if unglamorous, lines. He knows. Over

the two years his team dropped three games to the Mighty Panthers by a combined 32-2. "They throw four lines at you constantly. What are you supposed to do?" Keep the bus's engine running, coach?

That depth plus stingy defense; team speed; and a confident, but not overbearing, we-can-do-it-when-it-counts attitude helped the group stare down every challenge, particularly this year.

Babson's 1-0 win in mid-January, despite a 53-shot Panther strafing, snapped a school-record 29-game unbeaten streak. It marked the first time a Middlebury team had been blanked since 1986-87—211 games. But, hey, sometimes a goalie gets hot, stands on his head and dances a jig, right? The team wasn't amused.

If that loss didn't feel like a sharp spear to the guts, Colby's 5-3 win in February at Duke Nelson, the

The Panthers mobbed goaltender Chris Farion as the final horn confirmed their championship win. Head coach Bill Beaney sporting his lucky hat at the reception following the game.

Panthers' old barn of a home, did. The White Mules rallied from a 2-0 deficit to ring up five unanswered goals, handing Middlebury its first home loss in 26 games. Was this dominant team finally hearing the ice crack beneath its skates?

"Every team was gunning for us. Mentally, the pressure and high expectations became wearing," sophomore forward Mike Bay remembered.

If the Colby letdown sent a message, the team heard it: Wake up and smell the Zamboni fumes.

The players themselves, led by captains Martin Lachaine and Ian Smith and fellow seniors Etienne Bilodeau, Jim Bruce, J.S. Cournoyer, and Erickson called a players-only meeting. Bruce and junior forward Pete Schneider cooked up a lasagna and garlic bread dinner while everyone else nailed down on paper what they needed to do to be successful.

"A lot of people were saying 'You guys have to go undefeated this year,' 'You have to destroy teams,'" said sophomore forward Mark Spence, who scored the '95 title-game's lone goal. "We realized we didn't have to do anything. We talked about having fun again instead of playing not to lose."

"With those two losses we hit the bottom," added Lachaine, a feisty 200-pound forward, whose thunderous body checks all year sent many opposing players back to their benches stooped over their sticks like old men hunched over hickory canes.

"But losing to Babson and Colby also became the two most important games of the year because

we realized that we could lose and knew what it felt like to lose. By the end of the year we just put the pressure aside and played our game and didn't worry about anyone else."

From there the team swept their four remaining regular season games.

In the four NCAA wins, the Panthers trailed in three games before notching victories over Colby, Wisconsin-Superior, and RIT.

Not even rough-and-tumble physical play by opposing teams, at times downright chippy, flustered the Panthers.

"Anyone who thinks we'd retaliate doesn't know Bill Beaney," said Smith, a two-time first-team All-American on defense and this year's Division II-III National Player of the Year. "The discipline he enforces and instills is second to none. It's unheard of that you'd react like that. He's a class act. He wouldn't stand for anything less."

"From the beginning you could feel it was a classy program and different from the other ones," said Lachaine, who played for Canada six years ago at the World Junior Championships. "I'd played with guys who

played in the NHL. In my mind I wasn't coming to Middlebury. But when I started to meet the people here I really felt it was different. You could be a hockey player without being pictured as someone who just played hockey. It's the best program in the country in Division II and III. You can see by the outcome, two national championships."

But, fittingly, for this team in the purest sense of the word, that's not all they'll remember.

"It's like I've got a second family," Spence offered. "The camaraderie is incredible, wherever we are, even if it's just hanging out or eating together at Proctor. Of course, I'll remember the championships and how we played, but it's more than that. I'm going to be calling a lot of these guys and visiting them after Middlebury. That's the beauty of sports in general, but of our team especially, that feeling that nothing can break us."

Maybe every Middlebury student should play hockey. ■

Ryan Jennings '93 was a political science major at Middlebury.

WINTER WRAP-UP

Women's hockey finished 16 and 0 in the ECAC Alliance, beating RIT in the championship game 5 to 0. Junior Jennifer Hefner was named ECAC Alliance Player of the Year and became Middlebury's all-time leading scorer in women's hockey. Coach Bill Mandigo was named ECAC Alliance Coach of the Year.

For the first time, Middlebury swimmers broke into the top 10 in the NCAA championships. The women's swim team finished 10th and sophomore Heidi George was named National Swimmer of the Year, winning the 1650 freestyle with a time that broke the old national record by 11 seconds. Coach Mary Ellen Claffey was named National Coach of the Year.

The women's basketball team went further than they've ever been before—to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. They finished 21 and 5, with the most wins in the school history. Head Coach Jennifer Fulcher was named NEWBA Coach of the Year. Senior co-captain Katie Hubert named to All-NEWBA Second Team, the All-ECAC Second Team, and All-NESCAC First Team. Senior co-captain Eliza Zug was named All-NESCAC First Team.

The women's slalom ski team finished in a first-place tie at the NCAA Championships in Bozeman, Montana, and the women's giant slalom team came in second. Both teams were led by senior captain Kirsten Rogers. ■

FIRST EDITIONS

by Cynthia Baughman

LIFE, DEATH, AND WORDS TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THEM

Hunting the Whole Way Home

by Sydney Lea (Hanover, N.H., and London: University Press of New England, 1994; paperback edition 1995)

Two of Middlebury's great assets—literary studies and the natural beauty of Vermont—contribute to a book by Sydney Lea, founding editor of the *New England Review*, who directed it for 13 years; a former Middlebury teacher on the main campus, as well as at Bread Loaf; a poet recognized by Guggenheim, Fulbright, and Rockefeller awards; a published essayist and novelist. Those who love words and/or Vermont's beauty may well love *Hunting the Whole Way Home*. As Lea writes, "For I am a man, by turns, in the outdoors with his head full of books and words, and a man in books and words with his head full of the outdoors."

Lea refers to himself in passing as

an elegist, and his writing often is sad, as he describes places, dogs, and people he has loved and lost. "Would anyone store memories of me?" he wonders, as he remembers past experiences shared with a friend now dead.

Death surfaces often in this book; in fact, it is always just beneath the surface because one of the things Lea writes about is hunting—killing animals. He doesn't back away from the blood that alienates so many of his readers or potential readers. "It's true enough that I can't evade the fact of blood. A kill *defines* the hunt and all its subordinate objectives and agents, including the hunter . . . its icon is a bloodstain." The author is also aware of the apparent unseemliness of writing about death in certain instances. "Drafting a poem on the early death of my younger brother, I remember an abysmal self-loathing,

as if I'd somehow said out loud, 'Good—now I can write something powerful. Yet I could not turn away. No writer can turn away.' He writes, "Writers . . . persist because we run into things we didn't know we felt, and in the process glimpse the foundations of our faiths and fears, morals and vices, hopes and despairs."

Lea writes to name his loves, to vent the mental travels triggered by his physical hunting trips, to make sense of life. He writes to release what he stands in awe of, "the power of the genuine, penetrating word."

The Latest Illusion

Poems by Donald Everett Axinn '51 (New York: Arcade Publishing, 1995)

Although Donald Axinn has pursued a successful career in real estate, nevertheless the English major from the Class of 1951 has made time to write six volumes of published poetry and is at work on his second novel now. His interest in flying (he's a pilot, too) underlies some of the most appealing poems in *The Latest Illusion*. Pioneer flyers Beryl Markham and Amelia Earhart are invoked as he writes poems to them or imagines their words. Consider, for example, "Amelia Earhart": ". . . this flight will be my last. / I will make room for others, younger and not so worn out. / I hope they, too, will see the other sides of mountains, / ask angels what scissors they use to cut snowflakes / from soft white clouds. . . ." Another pioneer whose thoughts he imagines is Rear Admiral Richard Byrd: based on an exceed-



ingly objective diary fragment, Axinn envisions what this polar explorer felt and feared. The poet helps readers understand the humanity of heroes, as well as their own.

A Good Place to Live: America's Last Migration

by Terry Pindell '69 (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1995)

The latest book by Terry Pindell '69 explores the phenomenon of what he calls "the last migration," that is, people moving to find what they value in the place they choose to call home. The author, who majored in English at Middlebury, believes the hometowns people seek share certain characteristics. Often these traits can and are being replicated by other communities, with the result that there are more good places to live than ever.

What do people want in their towns? The answers frequently include a sense of community; gathering places equivalent to England's pubs, Vienna's coffee-houses, and Italy's piazzas; a place where the car doesn't dominate life; a minimal level of both natural and cultural amenities; and "communities colored by a strong, unique, and even idiosyncratic sense of place."

Pindell spent three years going to the places that have been most popular recently among American home searchers. These 14 towns or cities include a few obvious places, such as Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at least one that will make Middlebury alumni nod with understanding: Burlington, Vermont. In a helpful lagniappe, Pindell pulls together in an appendix information telling communities what to do to attract their share of the last migration.

Touchstones: American Poets on a Favorite Poem

edited by Robert Pack and Jay Parini (Hanover, N.H., and London: Middlebury College Press/University

Press of New England, 1996)

Matthew Arnold believed everyone should carry in his mind examples of the greatest poetry ever written as the standard—the touchstone—against which to compare subsequent writing. Exploring Arnold's theme in a practical way, Middlebury English professors Robert Pack and Jay Parini invited 65 poets to write about a single poem that serves as one of their personal touchstones.

Michael Collier, director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference as well as a poet, comments on "Astrophil and Stella" by Sir Philip Sidney, for example. He juxtaposes the 16th-century poet's concern with finding the right words to 20th-century sports writer Red Barber's approach to writing: "It's the easiest thing in the world to do. You just sit down at your desk and open a vein." Gary Margolis '67, director of the Counseling and Human Relations Center as well as an associate professor of English and a poet, reflects on his experiences with ROTC at Middlebury during the Vietnam War era, going into the army but not to the Far East—thoughts touched off by Wilfred Owen's "The Send-Off." Professor-poets Julia Alvarez and Clara Yu, in addition to Pack and Parini, write of poems that move them; alumna Sue Ellen Thompson and recent campus visitors Erica Jong and Rosellen Brown are among other poets who also contribute to this volume about the impact of excellent words.

Masterworks

by Robert Saltonstall Mattison '74 (New York City: Hudson Hills Press, 1996)

At the Fitzhugh Farm in Maryland, Robert and Jane Meyerhoff amassed a major collection of contemporary American art, especially noteworthy for its pieces by Jasper Johns, Ellsworth Kelly, Roy

Lichtenstein, Robert Rauschenberg, and Frank Stella. Robert Mattison '74 analyzes the works in the collection by each of these artists, relating them to their personal and temporal contexts. The color reproductions of each Meyerhoff masterwork illustrate the text and demonstrate why the collection spent the spring of 1996 at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Mattison, who majored in art at Middlebury, now serves as chair of the art department at Lafayette College.

The Wedding Boat

Poems by Sue Ellen Thompson '70 (Seattle: Owl Creek Press, 1996)

This poetry is very personal; it's about love. In discussing this book the reader wants to say "I" because poet Sue Ellen Thompson '70 articulates better what we feel or have felt than we could do ourselves. She speaks for us about the most important emotion; she articulates what we had only sensed.

Her images are fresh: "the whitewashed storefronts of your teeth" and the "green bedspread of lawn." Her ideas are insightful: "I forgive him . . . / because he doesn't know what I'll become," she writes about knowledge of a self unknown to a lover; and "anything to make the old mistakes," she says with regret at aging. Images, ideas, and especially the language—these are Thompson's excellences as a poet. She finds the apt word, the unexpected twist, the exactly right phrase time and again as she explores her subject.

The poet majored in English at Middlebury and earned a master's degree at the Bread Loaf School of English. Her first volume of poetry, *This Body of Silk*, won the Samuel French Morse Prize. These new poems are compelling. One, "Reunion," talks about Middlebury, experienced as a student and 25 years later during the celebrated weekend gathering. Forewarned is forearmed. ■

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Aimee Putnam Riker writes: "At the present, I am a very healthy 95, live alone, and still drive my car. I miss the 1922 news, but realize that probably there are few of us left." She also writes to inform us of the death of **Hazel Chase Nelson** on September 18, 1995. Hazel had been a resident of the Thompson House Nursing Home in Brattleboro, VT, for the last two years. She was born in Brattleboro, lived in nearby Wilmington for 54 years, and returned to Brattleboro in 1977 following the death of her husband. She was the organist and choir director in the Wilmington Baptist Church and a volunteer for R.S.V.P. in Brattleboro. A memorial appears elsewhere in this magazine.

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Class Secretary: Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; 207/967-2440.

Kathie Allen wrote to inform us of the death of her father, **Rollin Ray Crane**, on September 6, 1995. She tells us that "he was certainly devoted to Middlebury and treasured the memories of his time there." We send the condolences of the class to his family.

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Class Secretary: Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.

We regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Howard Gordon** in November. A resident of Danvers, MA, since 1938, she was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church and was active in the reading group of the Peabody Institute Library. The sympathy of the class is extended to her family, including her two Middlebury daughters, Mary M. Gordon '65 and Jane Gordon Pelton '58. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1927

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We regret to report the death of **Louise Covey Clement** in September. She spent most of her married life in Chappaqua, NY, retiring to Manchester, VT, in 1966 with her late husband, **Foster R. Clement, Jr.** Her interests included bridge, golf, and gardening. The condolences of the class go to her daughters, Judith Clement Ware '57 of Denver, CO, and Abigail Clement LePage of Easton, CT. ■ Belatedly, we also report the death of **Howard W. Cutler** on February 7, 1995. While a student at Middlebury, Howard worked as a waiter at the Bread Loaf campus. In a note written in late 1992, Howard spoke of his friend, Foster Clement: "As to my four-year roommate, Foster R. Clement, Jr., he was a wonderful guy. Differing from me in almost every way, we were yet utterly congenial throughout our four years living in 14 Hepburn Hall. Roommates by chance, we were friends for as long as he lived." Foster passed away in 1987. Howard died the day after his 90th birthday, having enjoyed good health to the end. Memorials for both Howard and Foster's wife, Louise, appear elsewhere in this issue.

1928

Class Secretary: Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.

Middlebury certainly figured in **Emily Lobdell Smith's** life. Taking note of her many contributions to the Middlebury, CT, community, you will certainly be reminded of similar contributions during her college days. "Lobby" was a serious and excellent student who, happily, made time to play field hockey, baseball, and volleyball on our '28 teams. She sang in the College Choir and Women's Glee Club, and took part in our Dramatic Club productions. At the time, she planned to be an English teacher, but the Spanish and French clubs were important to her, as was her sorority, Phi Mu. Lobby and I met again in Middlebury and Woodbury, CT. I thank her son Jeremy for keeping us in touch during her years in Spokane. Our sympathy goes to Diana, Jeremy, Jonathan, Jeffrey, and to her grandchildren. ■ Arthur and **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, with 157 family members present. Lib writes that they now have seven great-grandchildren, four girls and three boys. ■ With some help from **Helen Revere Hatch**, I was able to get in touch with **Jane French Douglass**. (An incorrect house number was the culprit.) Jane is well, does less traveling, but, if an appealing cruise comes up, she will take off. She would like to hear from us. ■ Evelyn **Carney's** letters, typed by a friend because she has vision problems, reveal that same lively spirit we remember when she came to our reunions with **Ab**. She appreciates all the services available to her in her Riverside, CA, area. ■ Good to hear from **Fred Coombs**, who continues to support our class and the College, with gifts in **Florence's** memory. ■ I enjoyed receiving the photo of **Nap Blanchette's** grandchildren, all of whom have now finished college. We agree with Jean Blanchette St. Clair '64 that he would be very proud. Jean will miss Dot Ferry, as all of us will. ■ Those of you who received the class directory should note that **Evelyn Quick Clark's** correct address is now Harborview Towers, #9D, 812 Shepard St., Morehead City, SC 28557. ■ Tib,

Zella, Hank, and I send greetings for a happy summer.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier*, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.

Henry and **Estelle Peavey** (M.A. French '38) **Hunt** have moved. "At 88 and 80, we decided that a retirement community was for us. Our nine-year-old Siamese cat was welcome, too!" Our thanks to them for using the card insert in *Middlebury Magazine* to report news. ■ We regret to report the death of **Ruth Kenney Benson** on June 18, 1995. Her son, Robert Benson, to honor his deceased parents, has created the Ruth and Ernest Benson Professional Development Fund at CO Academy. Robert pointed out that his parents had together contributed 65 years of service to secondary education. He described Ruth as a person who "came alive in the classroom." Ruth was the first woman teaching faculty member in the history of Culver Academies in IN, and she was the founder and director of the school's developmental reading program. Robert placed her ashes near Bread Loaf, according to her wishes. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We must also report the death of **David D. Waugh** on September 7, 1995. We convey the sympathy of the class to his family. His memorial appeared in the winter magazine.

1930

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dудey* (*Helen Kendall*), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.

Thelma French Walker and **Virginia Knox** are still best of Middlebury friends. Thelma writes, "We were the only two women present in June of '95 for our 65th Reunion. More men came." Now 85, Thelma lives alone, with two families nearby. Her husband, Daniel Walker, died in '79. Of their three children, daughter Norma Goff survives. Thelma has six grandsons and one great-grandson. "Still drive my Buick and enjoy my garden." ■ **Ralph Woodbury** remembers Middlebury buddies **James Tibone**, **Ellis Bemis**, and **Sam Pattee '29**. Sam passed away in 1930; James died in 1985. Ralph founded lumber mills and yards in VT, NY, and OR. Of his four children, one went to Miami of OH, one to Dartmouth, and two to Middlebury: son **Ralph B. Woodbury '57** and daughter **Mary Ann Woodbury Coy '62**. ■ Congratulations to **C. Lloyd Mann** and wife **Harriette**, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Au-

Best Buddies



Best Middlebury friends?
"Each other! Married
August 25, 1932. Met
at the College library
October 19, 1928."

Gray & Georgiana
Hulett Taylor '32

gust 1995. They both attended our 65th Reunion in June 1995. Writing from Daytona Beach, FL, he reports: "On September 30, 1995, a young driver drove through a stop sign and hit me broadside. I had six broken ribs and a punctured lung. I was in the hospital for 19 days and under an oxygen mask for nine weeks. I have recovered quite well, but do not walk as well as I used to. I will be 93 in May. I did not enter college until I was 24 years old. I retired from teaching in 1967. Three of my five sons have retired from teaching. One son is a minister and another is a physical therapist. At reunion, I had a nice chat with Dr. Oliver of the Class of 1925. He is two years younger than I am." Many thanks for writing! Keep in touch! ■ We regret to report the death of **Helen M. Putnam** on September 19, 1995. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1931



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Edward W. Toomey* (*Mary Stolte*), RD 3, Box 301, Grafton, VT 05146 (*May to Oct.*), 17615 Front Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (*Nov. to April*); and *Mr. E. Parker Calvert*, 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.

We were sorry to learn of the October death of **Ginny Cole**, an outstanding member of our class, a trustee of Middlebury College, a director for 26 years of Vermont's Services for the Blind, as well as an accomplished musician, painter, sportswoman, and gardener. We shall truly miss her. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **Jo** and **Ken MacClelland** enjoyed a trip to London late last year to enjoy the theatre. This was topped off by a

week with friends in a 16th-century cottage in the Cotswolds. Jo had her "other" knee surgically worked on with apparent success. ■ **Helena Dundas Rayner** sent greetings for '96 to the class. ■ That people our age can look great was verified by the photo in **Parker Calvert's** Christmas card. We liked the boat on the mantel, too. ■ **Phil** and **Marian Tolles Chase** were weathering a NH winter atop their hill. The pool in their barn must be a special joy this year. ■ Lover of music **Betty Pease Felt** sent greetings to all. ■ **Harriet Eliot's** Christmas greetings gave us hope that she will attend reunion. ■ We were sorry to learn that **Ruth Morrison Wilcox** feels her traveling days are over. Hope she changes her mind. ■ Following a second bad fall, **Ruth Wills Meade** had her ground floor converted into an apartment. ■ As usual, **Dick Fear** flew to England for the theatre season. ■ **Ethel Rogers Byers** recently fell and fractured her pelvic bone. She has been recovering in the Waterford Health Center, the same development where she has lived for the last 14 years. Her son informs us that she is still playing bridge, has become a fine checkers player, and is busy entertaining her recovering friends. Her mailing address has been changed to P.O. Box 14876, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. ■ We also had a brief note from **Elsa** and **Walt Crocker**, plus a solicitous phone call after Hurricane Opal. They hoped to be at our 65th. ■ We regret to report the death of **Irene Tarbell Wheeler** on January 24. She and her husband, William, lived in Schenectady, NY, and then Paoli, PA. In 1985 they moved to Foulkeways Continuing Care Retirement Community near Philadelphia. In her 50th Reunion report, she wrote, "Certainly my life has not produced any earth-shaking accomplishments, but it has been a satisfying one, and I must have made some mark on 'young America' with nearly 25 years of teaching." She also belonged to the National Audubon Society and loved birdwatching, gardening, and wildflower-

ers. We send the condolences of the class to William and to her sister, Elva Tarbell Procopio '43. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ As for me (**Mary Stolte Toomey**), I am woodcarving and volunteering with young foreign-born American adults. This winter I worked with students from Puerto Rico, Panama, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Morocco, Mexico, Korea, and Peru. If you live where you can work with young people like this, try it. It's fun! Many of you have asked about Opal. As of late January, the havoc is still barely believable. When I first arrived in early November, I had a 20-foot drop instead of steps to the beach and the leap to the front door was 12 feet. Fortunately, there was no major interior damage. Many places still await cleanup, which has been going on continuously. Some friends lost everything; others still cannot get into their places.

1932

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor* (*Georgiana Hulett*), 182 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210.

We regret to report the death of **Catherine Carrick Whitcombe** on October 31, 1995. We extend the sympathy of the class to all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **Avis Collins Fleischer** reports that she and **Carolyn Pike** were best buddies at Middlebury. Carolyn passed away in 1986. ■ **Gray** and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** agree that their best Middlebury friends are—each other! They met at the College library on October 19, 1928, and were married on August 25, 1932! They have four children (including daughter Betsy Taylor '69) and a plethora of grands and greatgrands. Granddaughter Susannah Church '97 is now studying in France for her junior year. Gray "picked up spare parts with three hospital visits in 1995," and was doing well following an October 19 hip replacement.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown* (*Miriam Barber*), 22 Horizon Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

On November 19, 1995, we lost our beloved class agent, a longtime "spark" of class activities, and as loyal a member as ever was known. For 62 years she contributed as class officer, agent, volunteer, attendee at Alumni College, Homecoming weekends, college committee meetings, and reunions. She contributed her time and talents as a silversmith, making necklace/key chains for all classmates attending our 50th Reunion, and as a master rug-

hooker, creating a rug depicting Old Chapel, now hanging in the Alumni Office. Her financial contributions to Middlebury were substantial as well. You will all recognize **Virginia Whittier Warthin**, whose happy presence, marvelous wit, and endless help to our class will be sorely missed. Our loving sympathy goes out to her husband, Tom, who enjoyed several reunions with us. Anyone wishing to make a gift in her memory might like to consider designating it for the Student Aid Scholarship Fund already set up in her name, through her bequest to Middlebury. ■ **Joan Rowland Glassburn** is happy at Longwood in Verona, PA. She is only a few miles from her home of 40 years and has a son nearby and daughters in CT and Manhattan. Joan has been a widow for two years and her eldest daughter died at the time of our 60th Reunion. ■ **Franklin Butler** died on July 11, 1995. Our thanks to his daughter, Mariya, who sent information regarding his wonderful career at the Asheville School in NC, where he was a beloved and honored faculty member. In addition to heading the English department, he was the director of drama for many years, directing 38 plays. In 1979, he was presented the Asheville School Award of Merit, not only for his many years of service, but "because an exemplum of order and discipline has been associated with Franklin Butler's name which, in turn, provides a touchstone of certainty in a world increasingly characterized by social and moral transition." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Helen Easton Carpenter** manages to remain cheerful, despite severe hearing and vision problems, according to hubby **Phil**, who writes from their retirement home in RI. ■ Last November, **Mary Omwake Dearborn** was honored by Catawba College for her life of exemplary service. The daughter of the 13th Catawba president and wife of the 15th president, Mary attended Catawba for a time, taught there, worked there, and has supported the college for decades. In addition, she has held leadership positions in the United Church of Christ and Senior Citizens Prime Timers, as well as volunteering for the United Way, a concert association, Meals on Wheels, and the Council on Aging. ■ **Dick Allen** had total knee replacements on November 9. After several months of therapy, he hopes to be on the tennis court by June or July. Good luck, Dick! ■ **Allyn White's** correct address is 473 S. Prospect St. in Burlington, not the number which appeared last issue. ■ We are grateful to **Lyle Glazier** for writing to us about his late brother and we're happy to pass along a summary of his letter: Classmates remember **Mel Glazier** as a math major and singer in the Glee Club and choir. Prudence Fish Bussey '22 placed Mel at one side of the choir and his brother Lyle at the other side. Thus,

when the choir sang, the congregation had the spectacle of two Glazier lookalikes at opposite sides of the choir loft. Since during those years the College was small enough for everybody to know everybody on a first name basis, Mel and Lyle would be greeted everywhere with either the right or wrong name, depending on whether the greeter knew the brothers well enough to realize that each did have a separate identity, and they were not peas in a pod. Nor were they twins, for Mel was a year and a half older. Their brother, Lawrence '46, was a World War II veteran whose Midd studies were interrupted by Air Force service in the Pacific. Melvin became a teacher of public school mathematics, first in Northfield, MA, and for many years in the Milton, MA, high school. He lived in Milton for 10 years before moving to Sharon 34 years ago. He sang in the choir of the First Congregational Church and was a Collector there for many years. His first wife, Bernice Cooke Glazier '34, died in 1960. He then married Marianne Monroe Wells '36, widow of Harris Wells '39. ■ It is with regret that we report the death of **Rollin T. Campbell** on September 28, 1995. The condolences of the class go out to his wife, Helen Dawson Campbell '37; to his daughter, Phyllis Campbell Winkel '66; and to all the family. Memorials for Mel and Rollin appear elsewhere in this magazine.

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Hough Rd., Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Mary (Polly) Moore La Croix and **Mary (Krick) Carrick Hobart** became friends when they met freshman year in political science, where "we were two of the three girls in the class." They roomed together junior year and still communicate, Polly reports.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Jeffries Leete Elliott '05 and her husband Ernest Elliott (Colgate '01) rented an apartment in Middlebury in 1934 and 1935 so that their children, Asa Leete Elliott '38, Caroline Elliott Dorst '37, and **Sarah Elliott Ordway** could consolidate their bills. All three were in the Middlebury orchestra, along with Asa's future wife, Martha Taylor Elliott '40. Sarah reports that they

"would have all joined the band as well, but females were banned! The Glee Club accepted us though." We note that another Middlebury relative of theirs, William M. Ladd, received the degree of M.D. at Middlebury in 1837. ■ **Dick Cushing** and his friend Pauline Hartshorn have been busy traveling to FL and Oberammergau. They play cribbage, dominoes, and bridge. ■ **Avis Fischer** spent a week in November visiting near Detroit, MI. In her retirement community in PA, she is busy with a book discussion group, crafts for charity, and excursions to become better acquainted with the Philadelphia and Bucks County area. ■ **Millie Aubrey Monagan** welcomed the Christmas snows at Wake Robin, where she and Walter lead active lives. They were planning a Caribbean cruise for February. ■ **Betty Bryan Sheldon** is involved in volunteer projects. She marvels at Ev's expertise with computers. Ev recently entered a photo in a life insurance contest for family reunions and, to their surprise, won a prize! ■ Visiting Niagara Falls for the first time in 70 years, **Natalie Dunsmoor** reports it is still awe inspiring. ■ **Phillip Mathewson** is active in the Lyndon (VT) Historical Society. He recently organized a parade to celebrate the restoration of a one-way covered bridge and is now involved in forming a historic village from a group of fine old buildings in need of restoration. In winter, Phil is busy as president of his mobile home park association. ■ **Doris Tucker Kniskern's** family gathered to celebrate her 82nd birthday. She continues her work at the public library and is active in local organizations and her church. ■ **Faith Arnold Diver's** grandson once again won a gold medal in the equestrian events in the Special Olympics. Faith enjoyed another season of swimming in the Sound. ■ **Doris Hiller Lynch** has moved into a retirement community (#1102 Carol Woods, 750 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514). Though she will miss her old friends, she will be near her daughter and close to two universities, so she is anticipating lots of interesting activities. ■ Though they are slowing down, Abe and **Jean Wiley Zwickel** pursue their various interests with enthusiasm. Securing the independence of Puerto Rico is one of her projects and she sent me her interesting book on the subject. She recently attended the planting of the Tree of Peace at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. ■ Our numbers decrease. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue for two classmates. **Kenneth C. Batten**, a lifelong resident of Hardwick, VT, died on July 21, 1995. Kenneth was class editor for the *Kaleidoscope* in 1934 and assistant business manager for the *Saxonian*. To his friends and relatives the class sends condolences. ■ **Dorothy Crowe Steele** died in June after a brief illness. At Middlebury she was a member of

the French Club and English Club. Dottie was active in church activities, the AAUW, and historical societies. For many years she edited newsletters for her church and for the St. Albans Historical Society. The class sends sympathy to her husband, Edmund Steele, and to her son and grandsons. ■ A memorial for **Francis Cady**, who died on September 19, 1995, appeared in the winter issue. Francis was active in intramural sports, the Glee Club, M Club, and Dramatics. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife and sons, and to his sister, Alice Cady Russell '32. ■ To those of you who joined us at the reunion, the news of **Lee Hunt's** death (on October 21, 1995) was not a surprise. The great effort he had made to be with us added a measure of meaning to reunion for all of us in attendance. At Middlebury Lee was active in clubs, editor in chief of the 1935 *Kaleidoscope*, on the Junior Week Committee, and the Literati Ball Committee. To his daughters, grandchildren, and brother, the class sends sympathy. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

1936



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Ed and Ruth (McNulty) Howard, Mountain View Estate, 19125 N. 93 Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382.*

At this writing the days are down to "the precious few" before the survivors of '36 again walk up to Chapel. Our ranks are thinning as the obituaries reach us, one by one. When we received notice that **Jocko Martin** had died in April of '95, we called his daughter, Deborah, in CA. Our half hour of reminiscing on the phone was good therapy, for her and for us. She knew many of us from Jocko's sharing of Midd memories during his last days at her home. To Deborah, Jocko was the greatest, and we believe many of his classmates would add "Amen" to that. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We are also sorry to report the death of **Donald J. MacDougall** on November 22, 1995. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Grace, and to their sons. His memorial also appears in this issue. ■ We hope that many of you who live in the East Coast corridor will make it to Midd for our 60th. A short note from down under tells us that **Doug Robb** is planning to attend. He too speaks of our loss of **Ham Shea** and **Tony Golembeske**. As some of you know, Ruth has had a serious bout with cancer. The radiation treatments have left

her weak and tired. I am blessed that we are still together. Whether we make the trip back is questionable. ■ Since "best buddies" is the theme of this magazine, we mention the following: **Roxana Lewis Blackmore** remembers **Louise Hubbard McCoy**, Charlotte Colburn Shea '37 as best buddies. Roxana is a volunteer at Girls Incorporated and is active in the AAUW, watching policies in Washington, DC. Louise writes that she attended Prexy McCardell's presentation at Bread Loaf concerning estate planning and preparation for Midd's bicentenary. They begged us old faithfuls to stretch our pledges for '96, '97, '98. Louise took a five-day bus trip to Toronto with the Middlebury College Friends of Art. In spite of the Canadian money discount, the experience was a joy. ■ Before graduation in '36, there were 11 of us who wanted to keep in touch through the years, so we formed what we called *The Sisterhood*. This group consisted of **Jean Barton Cotton**, **Doris Wall Roberts**, **Mavis Jones Little**, **Evelyn Comesky McLeod**, **Isabel Kinney Frakie**, **Jerry Kevan Philpott**, **Jean Sawyer Stasse**, **Irene Bonnett Webb**, **Kay Kelley Hunt**, **Isabel Ingham Baumgartner '37**, and **Ruth McNulty Howard**. We started a "Round Robin" letter in the summer of '36 and it is still going strong. Seven members of the Class of '35 joined us, bringing our total to 18 correspondents for some time. Due to the deaths of several classmates, our original group of 11 is down to six at this point in time. We have enjoyed each other's letters for 60 years! Marriages were announced, births noted with pride, the progress of our children described as they grew to college age, then jobs, marriages, and then came the grandchildren. And so life continues. The Bird also reported trips and travel, which took us in toto all over the world. Jonie and Frank hosted us each fall, as they opened their home to us for reunions. The yesterdays and todays are with us with every arrival of the R.R., our most waited for bird that flies all year, spreading the news. At 60 years of age, our Robin could be very tired but is still making the rounds with persistent regularity. Ruth must mention two other special Midd buddies, **Audrey Keffer Schletzer** and **Barbara Wishart Erickson**. Barb and Ruth spent hours together, translating Cicero and Ovid and studying for Latin exams. It was a good time.

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory)*, 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and *the Rev. Loring D. Chase*, 10 Surry Hill Dr., Keene, NH 03431.

I (**Barbara Gregory Hopkins**) had the joy of talking with **Jessamine Hale**

Best Buddies



The Sisterhood, a group of '36 grads who started a "Round Robin" letter right after graduation to keep in touch, note that, "At 60 years of age, our Robin could be very tired but is still making the rounds!"

(See '36 column for details.)

Mensing recently and found her to be her usual "peppy person," full of plans and tales of activity, in no way homebound. She was planning to drive herself (alone, of course) to visit a friend in VT, as well as making her annual trip to Santa Barbara, CA. She keeps very busy with community volunteering and playing bridge, and has discovered that the VCR is a fascinating toy. She now has seven grandchildren. ■ Although **Frances Brainerd Miller** attended Middlebury only her freshman year, she has fond memories of that time and remembers many of her classmates. She is enjoying her life at White Acres Home and, although El Paso is a stark contrast to VT, she finds beauty in the sunshine, blue skies, desert, and mountains. Since her hip replacement, she has been keeping busy with exercises, symphony, concerts, and volunteering in the library. Her three sons live nearby, and she would love to see any '37ers who come that way. ■ Our thanks to **Bob Morgan** for his newsy letter. He is still waiting to retire and feels keeping busy is a happy way to live. In the summer, Bob's family insist their parents leave the desert, resulting in some exciting sailing on San Francisco Bay and many weeks up in the Sierras. Daily messages on the laptop keep them informed without mail delivery. Their CompuServe e-mail address is 74401,1147 Beryl Morgan, in case someone might want to contact them. Another hobby via the computer has been genealogy, which they have found to be rewarding, but also addictive—like putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle. Bob is also deep into camera club and still has his model railroad set up. What enthusiasm! ■ **Mary Lance**

Osborn was looking forward to spring, as were most of us out in the cold tundra of the Midwest. After going through four surgeries, her husband is now blind. Their two sons visit often, which does cheer things up for them. ■ A letter from **Marion Wishart Packart** shared the sad news that **Mary Lou Taylor Stocker** died last September after a brief illness. Mary Lou is remembered as being one of 12 freshmen who lived at Wilcox House, a group of classmates who have remained very close all of these years. Marion is trying very hard to put her life together after the death of her husband of 54 years. She has her wonderfully caring children nearby, as well as her good health, and declares that she will not be considered "elderly" until her 90th birthday. She sees **Doris Ryan Pitcher** often and is in the process of promoting the idea of all of us coming to the 60th. ■ **Grayce Cookson Pierpont** writes that her grandchildren occupy most of her thoughts. The oldest, David, graduates from medical school in May; Amy works as a journalist in New York; the youngest three, who live nearby, can still use the help of grandmother with homework, etc. All are active in sports in Ludlow, VT. Grayce is still an active volunteer in her community, an avid Red Sox fan, an admirer of the Univ. of CT girls basketball team, and a traditional summer golfer. ■ **Doris Ryan Pitcher** enjoys volunteering at community theatre and the local hospital. Recovering very well from cataract surgery, Doris is especially happy in her local retirement home, where she has frequent contacts with other Middlebury graduates. ■ Our most recent romantic alliance, **Robert and Ruth van**

Sickle Robinson, write that all is well in both the happiness and health areas. They spent last summer in their travel trailer in NY, ME, Cape Cod, and VT. Between their nine mutual children, they enjoyed many visitors. In St. Petersburg, FL, they were happy to be "out of the snow" for the winter. ■ Thank you for your responses to my requests for news. We hope to have more responses for the summer issue. This cold winter reminded me of the difference in one's attitude in Middlebury during the winter of 1934 when it was just "plain fun." But remember, women, it demanded high boots, flannel pajamas, and snow suits over it all!

1938

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttes*, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 30301; and *Mr. Allison S. Beebe*, RR 3, Box 8324, Heritage Hill #13, Rutland, VT 05701.

In the spring of '95, **Phyl Malcolm Mithassel** boarded the freighter *Melbourne Star* on the East Coast, passed through the Panama Canal, and spent 28 days at sea before sighting land again. She spent two weeks in Melbourne, Australia, before flying home. In October she spent two weeks visiting old friends in Anchorage, and had a "ball of a time" at the 50th reunion of the Soroptimist Club of Anchorage, of which she is a charter member. ■ At Wood River Village **Ginny Fischer Ellison** is slowly adjusting to life without Herb '37. "It helps to have my sister, **Avis Fischer '35**, just down the hall. I had the joy of a recent visit to Norwich, NY, where Herb and I lived for 40 years. I saw many old friends and daughter Christine, who was visiting there at the same time." Ginny keeps in touch with **Kay Stackel Leonard '37** and notes that **Beulah Hagadorn** returned to Bronxville, NY, after a great summer at her camp on Lake Champlain. ■ **Naomi Heig Drew** is happily situated in a retirement center in Fredericksburg, VA. Daughter Sheila is only an hour away and visits weekly. Daughter Ruth arrived from Guam on December 18, bringing her husband and three children (ages 5-11) for the holidays. Naomi's gathering included her three children plus seven grandchildren. With Sheila's help Naomi has been to CT to see sister Ruth Heig Ghents '40 and to FL to visit son Jim. Naomi enjoys her garden and plays bridge several times a week. ■ After experiencing a light stroke, **Helen Thomas Stone** decided to move to a retirement apartment in Tulsa, OK. She writes, "Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to spend the last days in a state I hardly knew existed, but here I am in Tornado Alley." A family reunion in September 1993 in CA included 14 family members. Her three sons and

their families live in AR, CA, and WI. (Ralph, her CA son, graduated from Midd in 1961.) With the family so scattered, Helen writes, "Thank goodness for the telephone." ■ **Thy "Gatesie" Tuttle** informs us that the Tuttle were recent guests of Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** at Wake Robin in Shelburne, VT. They also had dinner with Frank and "E" **Barnum Gardner**. **Nonny Allen Leslie** and John also made a surprise trip for the gathering. Gatesie and Tut also called on Wy Parker '34, husband of the late **Jane Kingsley Parker**. Wy is living at The Pillars, a retirement home in Shelburne. Next, the Tuttle visited Gatesie's sister, Thelma Gates Travers '29, a resident at Wood River. ■ **Jean Borst Dusenbury Brown** continues as a reading tutor and serves as a reference volunteer at the Sun City, AZ, library. "You can understand my delight in being with teachers, kids, and inquiring adults and being a part of that institution, especially if you're alone." ■ **Madeline Buttles** and her Collie are happily settled at the Havenwood-Heritage Retirement Complex (33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 30301). Madeline has kept in close contact with **Betty Strait Moseley** since Middlebury. "The friendship commenced during senior year when we lived on the same floor at Forest East and has lasted nearly 60 years. There is also a strong bond with the girls who lived at the Eddy House on South Street, freshman year." These include **Bet Osborne Hadden**, **Ruth Sheldon Pratt**, **Jean Dusenbury Brown**, **Tommy Leslie Hall**, **Eleanor Carroll Mullis**, and **Marge Arnold Cady**. ■ **Al Riccio** has carried his interest in golf, which he demonstrated at Midd, through his entire life. Last October he was presented the Delaware State Golf Association Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions and achievements in the promotion of the sport of golf. According to a newspaper article, he played golf and almost went home before the award presentation banquet, but luckily stayed and "was never so surprised in my life." Al was among the founders of the association in 1952, started the junior program in the 1950s, and served on the major tournament rules committee. A club member for 54 years, he was senior champ in '64, retiree champ in '76 and '77, and, at the age of 74, accomplished the rare feat of shooting better than his age with a 72. Congratulations, Al, for all your accomplishments!

1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

It is with sadness that we must report the death of **Borden E. Avery** on March 25, 1996. We express the sympathy of the class to his wife, Louise Roberts Avery '39, and all the family. A memorial will appear in the summer issue. ■ A November snowstorm caused power failure and the loss of several trees at Tom '41 and **Dede Egbert Bennett's** home in Ithaca, NY. They visited family in CT for Christmas. Five of their six grandchildren are in college! ■ **Pat Brewer Chadwick** still sees **Bettie Letson** and **Coco Farrier Wade** occasionally. In the small world department, the Gustafsons had news of Pat from a good friend of hers at our family reunion in Calgary. Last September, Pat visited her sister-in-law in France. After a week in Paris, they traveled to the French Alps, then visited a historic home of the family in Avignon. ■ **Jerry Cole** spent the holidays with daughter Sally in New Orleans. His super-achiever grandson is a student at Yale. ■ The ever-busy **Joyce MacKenzie Cropsy** videotaped the showing of art works of Buck's uncle, Howard T. Graves. Her seventh grandchild arrived in February. In March she was installed as D.A.R. state treasurer and, in June, became national chairman of the D.A.R. She enjoyed a visit to Perpignon, France, and work continues on her beautiful home. ■ We were sad to learn from **Perky Monroe Glazier** that husband Mel '33 died on September 22. We all join in expressing our sympathy to Perky. They had six children and 11 grandchildren, one of whom, Victoria Wells, graduated from Middlebury in June of '95. ■ **Jeanette Olson Gould's** granddaughter, Kara Veley, is a sophomore at Middlebury and loves it. Jeanette had a great trip to Egypt with her grandson and a trip to Greece with **Olive Holbrook Nagle**. Jeanette's mother celebrated her 100th birthday in June! ■ After attending her 50th reunion at AIC in Springfield, MA, Californians **Loring (Doc) Lane** and **Rotha** got up to Middlebury and talked with Gordie Perine '49. In October they visited their daughter in PA. ■ **Bert Waite Markland** and Bill still find New England delightful, in spite of shoveling snow. ■ We enjoyed photos of **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray's** trip to Scotland and England last fall. ■ **Olive Nagle's** Christmas card, with the woodcut by Sabra Harwood Field '57, made us think of our wonderful 55th Reunion. Olive wrote of her visit to Greece with Jeanette. She had Christmas with her brother in Bronxville, NY, and is looking forward to our 65th. ■ We hope **Bettie Letson** is fully recovered from cataract surgery. Bettie pronounced last fall's Middlebury alumni trip to Russia "a unique and unforgettable experience." ■ **Beth Heward Jackson** was prevented from accompanying her, due to a health problem. ■ **Harriett** and **Bob Rathbone** left FL, moving to 24 Matthew Dr., Brunswick, ME 04011, in November. They have

"a nice house, friendly neighbors, and medical facilities nearby if needed." They enjoy many events at Bowdoin. ■ **Ruthie Coleman Skinner** had a happy Christmas with members of her family at daughter Becky's in CT. The next day they enjoyed the NYC store windows, the library, the Metropolitan, dinner at Rockefeller Center, the skaters, and the tree. (By the way, the tree came from a convent in our neighboring town of Mendham!) Ruthie had **Mel** and **Dorothy Korb Carter** to lunch in December. She reports they were both looking well, doing community service, playing bridge, etc. Ruthie is doing rug braiding! ■ **Evie Wheeler Stagg** has had health problems and we wish her well. She and Dave '44 live in FL most of the year. ■ **Marilyn** and **Roger Thompson** were in VT last April for a wedding and a reunion, then visited Marilyn's brother in MA. Seeing the Matterhorn was the peak experience (pun intended!) of a recent trip to Switzerland and Austria. They walk three miles every day, drive for FISH, Meals on Wheels, and PADs, plus Roger is a foster grandpa. ■ **Anne** and **Joe Trask** spent a month in Gorham, NH, last summer, also visiting friends in ME and NH. They are in FL in winter. ■ **Medicus Confusorium** is the title **Fred Wheeler** offers for 1995. He translates that loosely as "assorted problems, many consultations and results more negative than positive." We hope '96 will be a better year for both Fred and Ginny. They did manage a family reunion in CT, the first in seven years.

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Noting that the *Middlebury Magazine* offices are now located in the attic of Hillcrest, **Ellen Rhodes McCarthy** writes to let us know that her "room for freshman year was in Hillcrest, second floor southwest corner. I do hope the mice are less active!" [Ed. note: *We can report that the mice have not been active—in the attic, at least.*] She remembers that "we had a great group of girls and Miss Young is a fond memory, among many others." ■ We regret to report the death of **Page Grosenbaugh Rowe** on December 2, 1995, after a brief and valiant battle with cancer. At Middlebury she met her future husband Robert Rowe '38, excelled in flute and piano, and studied American literature. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Wife, parent, scholar, and friend, Page will be missed by all who knew her. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1941



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Mrs. Edwin A. Riggs, Jr., (Dodie Lathrop), 46 Charles St., Auburn, NY 13021.*

Bob and **Blair Chase Ohaus** are the proud grandparents of triplets—all boys! Born to one of Bob and Blair's sons and his wife, who have four children of their own—plus 80 foster babies!—it couldn't have happened to a better "trained" couple! ■ **Jack and Helen Westie Burbank** spent the holidays visiting their sons and families, one in Seattle and one in New Zealand. Westie was scheduled for a second hip replacement in March and planned to be all recovered by reunion time! ■ **Betty Stratton Loomis** volunteers as a teacher of English as a second language, writes news bulletins for the local state park, and delivers for the Meals on Wheels program. ■ **Marge Barkdull** is still plying her "career" as a pet sitter. She enjoys it, except in inclement weather. She sees **Audrey Hope** and **Jane Skillman Sara** occasionally. Jane is planning to attend reunion. Good news! ■ **Bill** and **B Grow Grim** fill their lives with volunteering, visits to their children and grandchildren, and travel. Trips this year included a bus tour to the Canadian Maritimes, Alumni College, three days on Martha's Vineyard, and a library "mystery trip" to southern England. ■ **Shirley Metcalf Handforth**, **Alice Noppel Knight**, and **Ellie Gillette Blauvelt** had a mini-reunion at the Myrtle Beach home of **Edith "Laddie" Evans** last October. A wonderful time was had by all four. ■ Your co-secretary (distaff side) again spent the winter in Tequesta, where I looked forward to March visits from **Caroline "Buttsie" Dodge** and **Ruth Scheidecker**, and a luncheon with the Bill Grims when they visit their son and family in Boca Raton. ■ **Roy Hovey** retired from industrial marketing management in 1989 and is now a financial planner. "Still hitting the tennis ball," he reports. Roy keeps in touch with Middlebury friends **John Hicks**, who is active in a literary society in Carmel, CA; **Bill Bursaw**, who is still active in the family oil company in MA; and **Fred Butler**, who is, according to Roy, a "conservative cause guardian" in FL. ■ Holiday greetings were received from **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett**, **Gil and Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard**. **Priscilla** and **John Hicks** assured us of their well-being and plans to be in Middlebury for our 55th Reunion. Unfortunately, **Dick Treat** will likely not be

with us then, since his wife Jean called in December to say that he was quite ill and confined to a care facility in Charleston, SC, near their home on Johns Island. ■ **Albert R. "Red" Hutton** wrote in December to tell us of the death of **Charles M. DeLaVergne**. Red and Ginny are planning to attend the reunion in May. ■ We have also been advised of the death of **John M. Nugent**. Both Charlie and Jack were faithful participants in many class reunions, remembered as spirited members of our class. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ Hope you have plans to be with us for the 55th!

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfus), 341 Long Reach Dr., Salem, SC 29676.*

Our 55th Reunion (in 1997) is just around the corner! We are looking for volunteers to help us organize this auspicious occasion. ■ **Marion Anderson Jordan** has stayed in touch with her best Middlebury friends, **Joy Ewing Platt** and **Rosamond Burleigh England**. Marion is moving to a retirement home in Bethesda, MD. ■ **Elinor Dickie Rankin**, **Jean MacDonald Bagley**, and **Margaret Fell Council** were great Middlebury friends. Elinor, now retired from home care physical therapy, has four grandsons (5, 7, 11, and 13). She enjoyed a trip to Italy in '94. ■ Still hard at work with ambulance, Meals on Wheels, and library, **Bill and Meg Buscher Andrews** hoped to escape winter somewhere. ■ **Joan Calley Cooper** sold a house, moved, and took an Elderhostel week on a ferry in AK. She spends holidays with family. ■ **Bill Wood** doesn't let any grass grow under his wheelchair: boat trips, fall foliage viewing, collecting lighthouse postcards and photos (total stands at 192), and upgrading his amateur radio license to general class (allowing him to transmit worldwide). ■ Helen writes that **Bob Rivel** is happy at the Veterans Hospital and likes phone calls (1-800-505-400 C wing). Helen visited son **Wesley Rivel '72** in Brazil, where he works for Chase, as Bob did. ■ **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** and **Denny** went to Italy in May and **Nova Scotia** in September. They'll be in N.S. in July for the International Tattoo. ■ **Phil and Betty Blanchard Robinson** are busy writing letters to the Blue Team. We hope both teams do well. ■ On their nostalgic trip to Hamburg, Germany, **Harry and Sue Hulings Ottinger** stayed in the house where they lived in 1960, which is a pension now. They took the whole family to Costa Rica to celebrate the big 50th anniversary. Harry's two knee replacements knocked tennis out, but they keep busy with piano, stamps, bridge,

grandchildren, and woodworking. ■ We spent a night with **Helen Hooley Young** at her lovely condo in Venice, FL. ■ After her usual three September weeks in England, **Elma Boyer** did the colors in NH in October. At a recent church conference, she sat next to **Pegram Williams Rhodes '41**. ■ **Bobbie York Linscott** scolded me for saying she is still young, but she admits that, "after 21 years, she is still the effective senior account executive at WAOB 95.9 FM in South Belmar, NJ. Age brings joys, like grandchildren," and she visits all of them. ■ **Charlie and Ruth Taylor Clapper** have outdone us all again, with the birth of their third great-grandchild. They spent Thanksgiving in AZ, with family coming from Fairbanks, AK. They were to be in FL in February. ■ **Mary Clough Johnstone** finally discovered Midd Alumni College. She thought it a great experience and highly recommends it. ■ As an AARP board member, **Bea Simpler Braun** spends a lot of time in Washington. Her husband is president of the local Habitat for Humanity, so they're both doing worthwhile work. ■ **John and Mary Eimer Leinbach** had an operation-free year! They played golf with the Andrews, attended John's 60th reunion at Amherst, and cruised from Lisbon through the Canary Islands. ■ On her annual homeland pilgrimage, **Hope Rood Redway** toured the Canadian Rockies. Our sympathy to Hope on the deaths of both her sisters. Happily, the next generation keeps coming—her great-grandson is 3 years old. ■ **Ed and Jane Giblin Langey** were in Midd for a September football game. In August they went to HI to track down their A.F. Colonel son. ■ **Eleanor and Ken Cosgrove** have a dozen grandchildren. Son No. 5 is chief resident of Medicare at the Univ. of FL. Daughter of son No. 3 is Olympic material, being trained for year 2000. Ken and Eleanor play golf in Hendersonville and Bald Head Island. Eleanor is active in community affairs, and Ken works three days a week. ■ **Peter Stanlis** is writing his 12th book about Robert Frost. He had a family reunion in Aspen in June—it snowed!—and another is planned for VT this summer. ■ **Ruth and John Comstock** play golf, duplicate bridge, bowl, go to FL and Hilton Head, and cruise to Bermuda. He attended a sixth Marine Div. reunion in Baltimore. One of his bowling friends was a Chi Psi who attended the 100th anniversary bash that **John and Frank Blizard** went to in 1941. ■ **Dixie Davis** tore some hip muscles and had surgery on a knee, but willed himself well to play golf. Celebrated 50th anniversary, trip to Europe—French Riviera, jazz cruise, and three days in Paris. ■ **Scott Morrow**, who has been taking courses in floral design, contemplates moving south. ■ **Kay and John McMann** celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 27. Sadly, Kay died in September after a

year's bout with cancer. ■ More sad news: **Coursen Conklin** died October 12 in Albuquerque. Retiring as an orthopedic surgeon in 1987, he then taught medicine in Nepal and was a consulting physician at the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque. For further information, read his autobiography in our 50th book. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **The Bateses** spent Thanksgiving week with 16 family members at St. Simons Island. Thank you for the informative Christmas cards! Could you manage Easter and Labor Day cards, also? Keep up the good work.

1943

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Kriebel (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

We regret to report that **June Archibald Lent** died in FL in February 1996. Her husband, **Harold Lent**, passed away two years ago. ■ During February, **Bob and Ann Cole Byington** were booked for a Panama Canal cruise, with stops in Acapulco, Grand Cayman, Yucatan, various Mayan ruins, and finally New Orleans. In late summer they hope to go to Cape Cod and VT. ■ **Ted Peach**, who is still engaging in forestry in the Sierra Nevada, reports that he now has about 400 firs and Ponderosa pines doing well, compared to only 18 at the time of the 50th. We fear he may have to work nights to reach his goal of 10,000! Ted and wife Nancy continue to backpack in Yosemite. They also hiked 470 miles on the Colorado Trail from Denver to Durango last September, finishing just before the snows arrived. They plan to work on a ranch in CO the summer of '96, with a break for a visit to CT and Marblehead. (We hope also to Gloucester.) Ted is also working to increase the Class Memorial Fund and is making a compilation of those members of the class now deceased. ■ We interrupted a televised performance of the opera *Otello* when we called **George Nitchie** recently. Later he reported that his really big news was that leek and onion seedlings were thriving under grow lights in the living room. (This was in February.) He said his academic persona of 10 years ago had come to seem like someone I once knew pretty well, but hadn't kept up with, and his one-time intention to write the epic of America survived only as an intense delight in the occasional successful limerick, which he considered a definite step in the right direction. He and wife **Laura** were planning on two weeks in Italy in May/June, and a summer excursion to San Francisco to see a daughter receive a master's degree in somatic psychology. ■ **Virginia**

Carpenter Halstead is retiring as president of the Friends of the Guilford (CT) Public Library. As a parting gesture, she recently managed a book sale that netted \$12,000 for the library! What sort of books are you selling in Guilford, Ginnie? ■ **Jim and Mandy Sanborne Kriebel** report visiting their daughter, **Cindy Kriebel '68**, in Seattle in March '95. Cindy is now a full professor at Central WA State Univ. in Ellensburg, WA, as well as an artist and an expert on sourdough bread making. Mandy's taking courses at the Cleveland Museum of Art in order to host an exhibit on the pharaohs, which includes an exhibit from the Louvre. Is the art interest hereditary? ■ Our 55th Reunion gets closer day by day and planning for it will start soon. We would very much appreciate any suggestions that you may have. What would you like to include or exclude? It would be especially helpful to have feedback from those of you who attended the 52 1/2 mini-reunion, as to those features you felt were worthwhile and those you felt we could do without. Incidentally, we regret that apparently the mailings from the College about the mini-reunion did not reach all members of the class. We apologize for this and will try to make sure that all are better informed in future. Now let your classmates hear from you!

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

In January 1986, **Art Pepin** became the oldest recipient of a heart transplant at age 64. His successful recovery gave hope to many and "changed our thinking in many ways," his doctor said in a recent newspaper interview. A surgeon commented, "He has been an inspiration to us all, including the doctors. His love of life. His outlook on life. I mean, he doesn't peek around corners, he charges around corners." On the 10th anniversary of his transplant, Art was again on his way to the hospital in Houston and once again he got the help he needed. "I guess what you can say is that Art came out here the first time and got a 10-year lease on life. He came back this week and got another 10-year lease." It is reported that Art corrected him: "Make that 20." ■ Among the many events in a busy 1995 for **Charles and Ruth Huff Allen** was a cruise in the Caribbean in March, followed by another in the Hawaiian Islands in September. This completed their goal of visiting every state in our country. ■ We regret to report the death of **Dorothy Cleary Cooke** on December 25, 1995, after a lengthy illness. A teacher by profession, Dorothy was involved in a variety of occupations and activities, many of which are listed in her me-

morial elsewhere in this issue. When she and her husband, Edward F Cooke '45, moved to Naples, FL, she was involved in the building of a new church, as well as continuing her work for Meals on Wheels. Condolences to her husband and all the family. ■ A mixture of good and bad news from **Peter Jennison**. The good news is that Countryman Press in Woodstock, VT, which Peter and wife Jane founded in 1973, has sold to W.W. Norton and Co. Norton is the nation's largest independent trade publishers and is known for literature anthologies that have become standard college texts. The Jennisons and the four other owners will act as consultants during the transition. Unfortunately, while these negotiations were under way, Jane fractured her kneecap and three weeks later fell and broke her hip. We wish her a speedy recovery and wish them both a happy retirement. ■ After nearly a year of many serious health problems, **Dorothy Burton Skardal** was able to enjoy the wedding of her daughter, Randi, in Oslo. Both Dot and her husband, Olav, have given up university teaching but remain active, working with doctoral students. ■ A group calling itself the Tri Staters (including **Jane Landis, Nancy Read, Muriel Roome Wakeman, Ruth Green, and Ruth Waldmann**) had a get-together after Christmas. They postponed their next planned reunion due to the weather, which limited many activities in the Northeast. ■ Add another 50th wedding anniversary to the growing list among our class who join this group. **Neil and Marylu Graham Atkins** are celebrating theirs in May. We need more news. Where is everybody?

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483, and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

This issue of the magazine having been designated "best buddies" issue, **Marian Baily Allen** reports news of buddies **Al** and **Joanne Higgins Wolfley**. Their "lucky seventh" grandchild, Laura, was born on November 29 in Bogota, Colombia, joining brother Andrew. Her parents are Juanita and Bill Wolfley. ■ Another buddy, my old roomie **Betts Allen Sutman** called to say that she and husband Bob are now down in Singer Island, FL. We (the Allens) were having them down for dinner on February 9 and hoped to see them more. The Sutmans are busy with tennis and golf and, in spring, their children and grandchildren. ■ In response to a telephone inquiry from me, buddy **Betty Adell McCord**, over in Indian Shores, FL, wrote and enclosed a welcome *St. Petersburg Times* article

Best Buddies



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about the upcoming "Splendors of Egypt" exhibit at the FL International Museum. We attended "Treasures of the Czars" over there last spring, and this promises to be just as fine. And we hope to see Betty when we go. ■ **Dru (Barbara Drury) Sand** reports that they were attending their 24-year-old grandson's wedding in April: "A happy occasion for our family, all living in RI still." I appreciate that, as all our girls and their families are also "in state." Dru also wrote that she had joined the knee replacement club, having received a new right knee on October 6. With good therapy, she was driving by November 20. ■ Your class secretary and daughter Nancy attended the 14th Annual Key West Literary Seminar, January 11-14. A highlight for me was the keynote introduction to the seminar and later Annie Dillard's reading of selections from her own work. I met her later at a reception and found her a delight. Unfortunately, Peter Matthiessen was snowed in in Denver and never made it to the seminar. ■ A memorial for **W. Neil Prentice** appeared in the winter issue. Our condolences go to his wife, Elizabeth, and to their sons, James and William.

1946



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald T. Means (Mary Nasmith), 3414 Miller Heights Rd., Oakton, VA 22124; and Sheila Schmidt (Hamilton) Rowland, 1152 East St., Southington, CT 06489.*

From all reports, many of you have been making plans to return to our "College on the hill" for the festivities

May 30-June 2, 1996. Our class has been wonderful in volunteering for various jobs for Reunion. Reunion gift co-chairs **Connie Smith Carpenter** and **Phyl Faber Warren** have been striving for 100 percent participation, in honor of this unique reunion. One dollar a year since graduation was suggested as a goal to help reach 100 percent. ■ Gearing up for Reunion, a group of us from the DC area enjoyed a mini-reunion last November. Those meeting for lunch included **Barbara Snow Cassidy, Betty Donelan Gilmore, Violet Schneider Jarrell, Patricia Beach Kortlandt, Mary Nasmith Means, Helene Jacober Siegel**, and our former classmate Helene Cioffi Stoeffel, who graduated in '45. Helene reported that the '45 reunion was so much fun, she wants to come to ours, too! ■ We have heard nothing but raves about the Yearbook. Many of us have been touched and moved by the flood of memories the Yearbook evoked. What fun to read one another's stories for these past 50 years.

■ We are sorry to report the deaths of **Savina Vicini Brooks** on January 5, 1995, and **Nancy Peel Speers** on December 19, 1995. We extend the sympathy of the class to the their families. ■ **Carol Becker Hutchinson** writes of Midd friends **Bette Royce** and **Mary Selleck Hellekjaer**. "Bette taught school in Denver and wrote about the Mayan Indians in her Christmas letter. I was interested in Mayan Indians, too, after taking a course at Yale. So when the Denver Museum of Natural History ran a trip to Mexico we signed up. What a reunion! What a time we had! And Bette speaks Spanish, too." Carol also had a good reunion with Mary Jane. "En route to taking my spouse's car to my daughter in OR, we stopped to see Mary Jane in '92. As a docent at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of History, Mary Jane showed us the museum and we ate lunch there. We also visited Don

'47 and **Mary Nasmith Means**. We all decided '24 was a vintage year for births." ■ **Mary Cummings Nordstrom** remembers when "the late **June Brogger Noble** and I had single rooms in Battell Cottage freshman year, shared a suite at Howard House sophomore year, and a suite in Hepburn junior year." During senior year, Mary and June joined four close friends (**Anne Rodman Adams, Elizabeth Lane Hurd, Katherine Craven, and Barbara Kingsley**) to share two rooms. Mary reports that "Ev and I will never be more than semi-retired, he as fundraising professional and I as freelance writer and church musician. I'm editing a centennial retrospective collection of sermons from all Pinehurst churches entitled *Cloud of Witnesses*. ■ Sorry to hear that **Esther Walsh McNeill** does not think she can make it back. After graduating from Middlebury, her husband, Richard, went to work for Merck, headquartered in NJ, and the McNeills have lived there ever since. Although Rich was in the Navy V-12 program at Middlebury, he and Esther never crossed paths until he returned to Middlebury after Navy duty in Japan, at which time Esther was in her final semester of college. ■ **Jane Van Brunt Hickey**, an English major at Middlebury, enjoyed a career in advertising. She was widowed at an early age and raised her children by herself. She lived in Burlington, VT, where her husband was with the *Burlington Free Press*. After his death, she moved to various suburbs of the DC area. Although Jane was a neighbor of mine over a period of several years, we never saw each other during those times. Stratford, CT, is now her home. She has five grandchildren. ■ Tried twice to contact **Reginald Goddard** in Fairhaven, VT, but only spoke to his answering machine, which played a merry tune. In case my message was garbled, Reginald, at least I have your name in print! ■ As your class notes correspondents, Sheila and I have been trying to get something about most of you into the column. The Yearbook greatly simplified our efforts! We're looking forward to seeing you all at Reunion! Don't you dare miss it if you can possibly be there!

1947

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert E. Fry (Betsy Hornaday), 405 Vassar Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath (Joyce Walsh), 13 Marble St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

Jacqueline Simon Moore reports that she and **Fran Swain Moretti, Bobby (Catherine) Van Aken Smith, and Pat (Martha) Harvey Oehler** have kept a round robin going since graduation in February 1947. "It has been somewhat erratic, at times, but usually

gets around at least once a year. In 1986 we had a mini-reunion at Middlebury; five years later, we got together again here in Strasburg, VA; and we hope to make it to Middlebury in 1997." Jackie's writings won awards in the Shenandoah Valley Writers Guild in 1995. In conjunction with her Parkinson's disease, she has been taking part in a study to determine whether the FDA will approve the use of a new drug. ■ Most of the "Moles" who lived in Hillside Cottage freshman year (1943-44) are still in touch, by mail and by visits, reports **Janet Rogers Enzmann**. "We're all over the country (and out of it, too) and can't believe that we've reached 70!" Janet sent a photo of some of the "Moles" who lived at the Homestead in junior year: **Polly Belcher Dello-Russo, Jean Mace Beswick, Flo King Millsaps, Phyl Howland McIntosh, and Janet Rogers Enzmann** (see photo, page 48). Janet now lives in a "marvelous little town in the Puget Sound (Coupeville, WA), founded by New England sea captains. Just like home, but on the other coast. Keep busy with volunteer work, travel, local museum, genealogy, and more." ■ Thanks to those who sent these responses to the card insert in the fall issue. ■ **Laura Lee Hopkins Pike** and Milt '45 were moving into a continuing care retirement community in Holland, MI (3 Columbia Ave., 49423), on April 12. Milt has developed a few health problems, but they continue to travel and to visit their children and families. ■ After an Elderhostel in Assisi, Italy, **George and Joanne Buckeridge Booth** visited with **Hank Cady** in his London apartment, traveled in England, and did some genealogical research on Jo's family. In summer they enjoy sailing and visiting friends like Bob and **Lois Southgate Badger, Tiff Clark Nourse**. ■ **Sue Carr Pauli** enjoyed a cross-country skiing Elderhostel in January. ■ **Adrienne Northam Fluckiger** retired from the library in Seaford, NY, the end of June, traveled to China in October ("mind boggling!") and broke her hip in December. ■ We were sorry to learn of the death of **Phyllis Burke Cunningham's** husband, Bill, last July, after a prolonged illness. And **Joyce Walsh Heath** lost her husband, Ben, in January, after a long fight with multiple myeloma. Joyce has a number of community activities in Brandon, which will continue to be a big part of her life. She also has the support of eight children and 18 grandchildren. ■ We have received a letter of thanks from Kimberly Finnigan, a sophomore from Saranac Lake, NY, who was the recipient of our Class of 1947 Scholarship this year. Our memorial contributions to our Class Fund continue to provide scholarship help to people like Kimberly. ■ And, finally, we note the death last May of **George Montagno**. The class sends condolences to his wife in Alliance, OH, and to the family. A me-

morial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Don't make any Elderhostel or other travel plans for the first weekend in June 1997, when we will be the 50-year Reunion Class! You will hear more.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

You must remember that fabulous 1947 student show "Too Little Time." A recent archaeological dig among **Judy Friend Bradley's** treasures turned up a 78 rpm record by the Black Panthers of the songs and lyrics by **Ben Bradley** and **Bill Wilson**. We will transfer this to CD or cassette. Who has the program for the event? While you are looking, make your own dig for other memorabilia. We are only two years away from the reunion when we will recreate those wonderful years. ■ Last year we quoted part of a letter from Isaac Davis '97, 1995, recipient of our Scholarship Fund. The committee has again given the award to him. Isaac is a biology major, on the dean's list, a physical therapist volunteer, working on campus recycling and student patrol. Our Scholarship Fund is now \$25K book and over \$100K market value. Any contribution will help to raise the amount available. Middlebury still accepts needy students, as it did in our years.

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Liz Van Splinter Thomson, who is a travel adviser in a travel agency, had a recent visit from CA resident **Jean Caldwell Ferrell**. Jean was in NJ for her 50th reunion at Hasbrouck Heights High School. Jean also got together with **Polly Ashworth Anderson**, who lives in Wilmington. While in Wilmington, Jean toured the Dupont museum. ■ **Lorraine "Bunny" Bean Wilkins, Sue Hill Rogers, Elizabeth Andrews Woodbury, Ruth Grotz Hoegberg, and Marilyn MacKenzie Tichy** all met freshman year (1945) at their dorm, Howard House (subsequently the Delta Upsilon House). Bunny writes that they have all kept in touch over the years. With four grown children (in Foxboro, MA, Maui, and two on Cape Cod), Bunny has four grandchildren nearby. She writes: "My mother passed away October 8, 1995, at 93 years. Howie and I are enjoying retirement and family. He has four children and five grandchildren." ■ **Carrie Huxford '97**, recipient of the Class of

'49 Scholarship, writes a big thank you for our support during her junior year abroad in Mexico, where she is doing the bulk of her investigation for her thesis in Latin American studies. She says she will be the first in her family to complete a college degree. ■ **Dave** and **Perry Maurer '48 Thompson** and **Kyle** and **Eleanor Barker '48 Prescott** spent 2 1/2 weeks in Antigua in January/February '95. They were planning on a return trip in '96 but, since the resort was severely damaged by the hurricane, they were off to Grenada. In April '95, Perry and Dave spent 18 days on the island of Majorca with friends from Burlington, VT, playing tennis every day. They went with Saga, an England-based outfit that caters to "over 50" youngsters; Dave said "they just made it!" Kyle Prescott has switched from tennis to golf, due to a hip problem—but whether it's a hockey stick or a nine-iron, it works better for Kyle than anyone else! He was having a hip operation after Grenada. Dave plays platform tennis once a week and men's doubles twice a week. Perry plays women's doubles tennis twice a week and works at the Middlebury town library children's department once a week. The Thompsons and the Prescotts spent three September weeks in Italy ("pasta and cathedrals!"), visiting Rome, Venice, Florence, and the Isle of Capri. ■ **Anita Liptak** continues to work full time in the printing business, supervising the production of various kinds of publications. As a member of the board of the Hawaii Publishers Assoc., she is involved in a program to help high school students with their writing. Anita keeps in touch with **Phyllis Brown Gavaghan**, who is retired from teaching and lives in Marlborough, MA; **Dorcus Neal Gracey**, whose husband Jim retired as Coast Guard Admiral and now lives in Arlington, VA; **Edwina Woodman Schuler**, who lives in Wellesley Hills, MA; and **Ross Cowan '50**, who has retired and lives on Martha's Vineyard. Anita recently took the train trip from Vancouver to Toronto ("breathhtaking and fun") and an AK cruise ("luxurious and beautiful"). ■ **Cynthia Buehr Haas** has switched careers, from writing and photographing to painting, which had always been her hobby. She was having an exhibition in a five-star hotel in February. Cynthia writes that she goes to Tahiti a lot because of its beauty, and "I like the mixture of Polynesian culture and French culture. Unfortunately, I cannot live there as it is very expensive. So, I stay in northern Thailand, which is very cheap. I have a big house and the rent is \$200 a month." She was in Tahiti at the time of the first recent French nuclear bomb trial and the demonstrations. As one who was formerly in public relations (with Alitalia Airlines), Cynthia notes, "President Jacques Chirac needs a good P.R. firm!"

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker, 310 Abbey Ct., Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (fax 201/445-5548; e-mail parkerbj@aol.com); and Mrs. Barbara Kraft Packer, 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

As usual, some sad news mixed with the glad. We've lost four more classmates—**Bob Barna, Tatiana Virrick Duttenhofer, Edward A. O'Neill, and Mayer Simon**. Our deepest sympathies go to their survivors. Their active, productive lives are a testimonial to the importance of living every day to the fullest. ■ On the up side, two young people have received scholarships this year under the aegis of our class: **Jade Star Lackey**, a junior from Crown Point, NY, received the 1950 class scholarship, and **Carmen Pina**, a first-year student from Pawtucket, RI, received the **T. William Hentz** 1950 scholarship. ■ Kudos go to **Richard L. Champlin**, who received the Distinguished Naturalist Award from the RI Natural History Survey for his "contributions furthering our knowledge of Rhode Island's fauna and flora." Richard retired in 1991 after 40 years as librarian at the Redwood Library in Newport. ■ **David L. Peet**, who retired in 1994, continues as executive director of the Scottish Games in Ligonier, PA, and was elected president of the Assoc. of Scottish Games and Festivals. After our 1995 reunion, he visited France and Spain. Scheduled for May '96: a train tour of the Canadian Rockies. ■ Other travelers include **Barbara Kraft Packer**, who went to Orlando with husband **Tod** in January to hear daughter **Judy's** presentation on C*-algebras at a mathematics convention. ■ Weddings! **Bernard Z. Friedlander** and **Mary Alexandra Gibson** were married in September 1995 in Medina, WA, after getting together at their 50th high-school reunion in Scarsdale. After a varied career ranging from journalism to psychology professor/researcher, **Bernie** retired from the Univ. of Hartford in 1995. He's writing a book on violence and safety for the American Assoc. of School Administrators. ■ **William (Corky) Elwell** and **Betty Lolatte** were married last July in Brattleboro, where **Corky** had been town manager for many years. Community service and an extended family keep him more than busy in retirement. ■ Sandwich generation: **Janie Terpening Hanson** is tending her aging, ailing mother, who wants to live independently. **Janie** and husband **Tod**, who is retired, live in Newhall, near L.A. ■ **Hedy Tafelmaier Stark**, of New Providence, NJ, "grandmothers" her two infant granddaughters so that her daughter can continue her physical therapist career. **Hedy** and her husband take short vacation trips whenever pos-

sible. ■ New careers: After one career in the Air Force, from which he retired as a full colonel, and a second in research and development in the aerospace industry, **John Corbisiero** is now working in commercial real estate. He and his wife live in San Antonio, TX. ■ Haven't found anyone who's really "retired": **Christine White Man** is studying classical Spanish dance, serves on the executive board of the Dance Company in St. Augustine. In between, Chris studies flute, swims, gardens, and plans to return to teaching piano. Her advice: Keep dancing, keep busy! And, from Bernie and Mary Friedlander, "Keep us as bright in your recollections as you are in ours, as we hope and pray together for a better world."

1951



REUNION CLASS

Please send news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Although **Hilario (Larry) Sierra** lives in Greenville, SC, and Sam Masters '50 lives in Taylors, SC, they had not gotten together since our college days. Recently, however, they ran into each other, and they now play golf together in Greenville. ■ "Community builder" **Alexander Marshall** found himself written up among the "heroes of Cape Cod" in the February 4 *Cape Cod Times*. Seems he devotes his time and energy to a long list of good works—the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Orleans, the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor in Provincetown, the Cape End Manor nursing home, the Truro Conservation Trust, the Lower Cape Outreach Board, and the Outer Cape Health Thrift Shop in Wellfleet. "Tenacious and energetic" are the adjectives used to describe him by the church rector, who reports that "Alec has an incredible sense of community need. Whenever he takes on a project, he sticks with it until the very end. He's very persistent." "I am simply doing what I believe we all should be doing." Alec modestly insists. Alec and wife Anne also had their work cut out for them when they spent the holidays in St. Thomas, where their son's home had been badly damaged by last year's hurricanes. Our thanks to Bart Nourse '48 for spotting the article and sharing it with us.

1952

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Peter K. Race (Ruth Eldridge), P.O. Box 103, Boxford, MA 01921; and William H. Barber, 19504 Gallatin Ct., Montgomery Village, MD 20879.*

Again this academic year, our Class of 1952 Scholarship recipient is Amy Durator, a junior from Manchester, CT. Amy is majoring in environmental studies and was a College Scholar during the 1994 fall semester. She attended the School for International Training in the 1995 fall semester. As of June 30, 1995, our scholarship fund had a book value of \$122,197 and a market value of \$388,153, the latter being an increase of about \$45,000 over the last year. As we noted in a previous column, we can be very pleased with our continuing efforts in support of the fund and the knowledge that our student assistance is much valued. ■ We regret to report the death of **Talman C. Budd II** on November 10, 1995. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife, Susan, and to all the family.

1953

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (e-mail: CClemens@epix.net).*

Look at the turnout '53 fielded for the Middlebury Alumni golf tournament! **Bob Kelly** writes that he was joined by **Irv Morris, Gale Shaw, Crock Beers, Dick Allen, Chuck and Sue Valentine Jennings, Dick Fenton, Ced Sherrer, and Buzz Tilton**. Sounds like the place to be to meet your buddies. Bob's mail order business, Bridge Building Images, keeps him busy—striving for profitability, the old story. When he attended a trade show in Chicago last summer with Jean and **Neil Sheehan**, he managed to sign up Neil as the firm's Midwest sales rep. ■ During the summers **Baldy Haines** and wife Barbara (Hardy '54) still hang out in Ocean City, NJ. Now that Baldy has retired, however, they have sold their home in Broomal, PA, and now winter at 546 Peacock Trail, Haines City, FL 33844. They live 25 minutes from Disney World, where Baldy is a part-time ticket taker at Epcot. Life is lots of fun these days with four grandchildren. They always have room, so give them a call if in either area. ■ Don '51 and **Biffy Darling Sherburne** moved to a newly built townhouse in St. Petersburg (3 Jefferson Ct. S, FL 33711), after Don's retirement from the philosophy dept. at Vanderbilt last May. They are close to son Kevin and his set of their grandchildren. Biffy notes that the change of location and loss of the

familiar is a challenge, and asks, "Please stay in touch with us!" ■ Not long ago I (Dave) had a nice, long phone conversation with an old buddy from freshman year in the Charter House, **Lyman Allen**. He claims to have aged only about 16 years since Middlebury. He was planning a trip of several weeks to Portugal. He continues part-time work as a building consultant, as well as various volunteer activities. ■ Bill and **Betsy Cushman Gumbart** love the role of grandparents, having recently welcomed their third grandchild—the first female Gumbart in two generations. Their other steady activities include their church, the library book sale, tennis, and walking. ■ Although **Bill Walter** retired from ALL in October, consulting keeps him "working just as hard as ever," according to wife Susan (Tallman '59). ■ On the other hand, Peter and **Connie Gibbs Oliver** are enjoying the freedom of retirement. By Christmas Peter had skied three times and the two of them planned a ski trip to Telluride in March. Connie reports that they had never tried a golf vacation, but found Seabrook, SC, to be a lovely spot to visit for a golfing week last November. Their travel highlight of '95 was a March trip to Brazil with the MA Horticultural Society. Their itinerary included a four-day riverboat cruise up the Amazon, with side trips into the rain forest; visits to several small villages along the banks, the renowned Manaus opera house, and a flight to spectacular Iguassu Falls. ■ It is with sadness that we report the death of **Shirley Baldwin Waring** in Hanover, NH, on November 17, 1995, after a long struggle with cancer. An exceptionally talented and warm, caring person, Shirley will be remembered for her volunteer work with newborns and their families at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, as well as for Shirley B. Waring Publishers, a small press through which she published her own children's books and also one written by her nine-year-old granddaughter, Yuri Evelyn Norton. Although I haven't seen her since she lived next door in Forest senior year, Shirley remains a strong, happy part of my Middlebury memory album. ■ As usual, your correspondents, **Dave and Carol Jennings Clemens**, have been busy. During November we took a remarkable birding trip to two very different sections of the Amazon Basin in Brazil. Staying in extremely remote though comfortable lodgings, we had a wonderful firsthand experience of the bird, mammal, reptile, and plant life of the Amazon Jungle. In January Dave traveled to Wengen, Switzerland, with daughter Karen, son-in-law Mike, and granddaughter Melanie (4) for 10 days of excellent skiing under a warm, sunny sky. At the same time, Carol experienced southern AZ at two different Elderhostels, learning about bird, plant, and critter adaptations to living in the Sonoran Desert.

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore), Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Pete Simonson says his daughter '96 has been working on *Middlebury Magazine* with College editor Rachel Morton. Note her name—Marlisa Simonson '96—on a story in the winter issue (page 34). Our congratulations to Pete, who was one of a team of eight Mainers who were victorious in the 3.0 M New England Sectionals of the USTA Tennis League Program. They also went on to the Nationals in Tucson last fall. The Mainers also won in 1989. He confesses that playing competitively with a bunch of 50-somethings sort of makes you forget your real age for a while! ■ **Lannie Osborn Gartner** completed six years "on Session" at the Sharon (PA) Community Presbyterian Church. This included four years as clerk. Lannie was named Outstanding Woman of the Year for her branch of the AAUW, where she has been book review chair and coordinator of the women in history program. The Gartners have an interesting family tradition, which they call the "turtle motif." Each of their four children had a piece of a wooden turtle puzzle, with his/her name and date of birth etched on the back, standing on the mantel. As the children departed for college, work, and homes of their own, they took their turtle pieces with them. Now, when the family gathers for holidays, the turtle pieces return to the mantel. And as grandchildren arrive on the scene, each receives a small wooden turtle with name and date of birth on the back. So, like the turtles, the Gartners "often stick our necks out and strive to get ahead." ■ **Norman Kittel**, of Yachats, OR, has been elected to the board of the OR Coast Community College. He has also been appointed to the Lincoln Commission on Children and Families. ■ **Jim Hunt** and **Dick Davenport** had a wonderful time at the 1995 Alumni Golf Tournament. The golfing was great, as were visits with Bobo Sheehan '44 and Fred Neuberger '50. ■ Hope you will all take a moment to send in the card inserted in your magazine. Keep in touch. We love to hear from you.

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009; and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., RR1, Box 236, Londonderry, VT 05148.*

Sadly, we must report the death of **Anthony F. Hoyt** on October 7, 1995,

and the death of **Alfred "Sonny" Dennis** on November 26, 1995. Our class sends its deepest sympathy to Dona and Linda and the families. A memorial for Tony appeared in the winter issue; Sonny's memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. After **George Limbach**, **Kent "Mo" Weld**, and **John Field** attended the service for Sonny Dennis, John wrote: "At Sonny's funeral they sang the hymn, 'Amazing Grace.' Sonny was both. Probably the most gifted athlete of his time at Middlebury, it was this athleticism that initially attracted so many people and this was only one of his amazing attributes. But it was his grace that won him countless numbers of friends. Sonny was eulogized as being 'the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back, and if he didn't have one he would get you a shirt. He was Middlebury's pride.'" ■ **Nancy Walker Faulkner** begins a yearlong sabbatical this summer. She is looking into Elderhostel programs. Anyone else interested? Write her at 133 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02146. Nancy heard recently from **Gretchen Rath Doolittle**: "Jerry's latest book, *Kill Story*, is out—probably the last in the Bethany series for now." She also heard from **Jackie Rudolph Kessler**: "John, the two younger boys, and I went to the Yucatan, where I happily climbed every Mayan ruin from Coba to Uxmal and snorkeled every chance I could get." Jackie is interested in organizing new ways to raise money for the College—such as a lottery with prizes like a weekend in a country house or anything we can think of donating. If you have any ideas along this or another fund-raising line, please contact her at 2022 Bondsville Rd., Downingtown, PA 19335. ■ **I (Kathy Hughes von Hartz)** spoke with **Pat Hinman Makin**, who was just back from a month of work in London and going on to Casey Key, FL, for a winter break, visiting a high school chum. Pat sold her house in Gloucester and her new address is 11 Rockholm, Anasquam, MA 01930. ■ **Anne "Junie" Stringer DeCoster's** paintings were on exhibit at Groveland Galley in Minneapolis in January and February. She and **Bruce Byers** went skiing in UT with Linda and **Frank Punderson**. ■ The 14 Midd women who rafted the Colorado River in 1994 had such a great time that we all vowed to plan another get-together and make it even bigger. So far, nothing. After much deep thought, my suggestion is a group Club Med excursion. Any other suggestions? It should be something that has a lot of activities and an all-inclusive price. For more info call 1-800 CLUB MED for a free brochure. Please write me if you are interested and let me know what time frames would be possible for you from now through 1997.

1956



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **John Chase**, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; **Virginia Collins Emerson**, 15 College Rd., Wellesley, MA 02181; and **Maureen Craig Seamans**, 12 Pelham Rd., Weston, MA 02193.

We regret to report the death of **Edward H. Schaefer, Jr.**, on October 4, 1995. The sympathy of the class goes to his wife, **Gail Briscole Schaefer**, and to all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **Charlotte Duryea Brophy**, of Charlestown, RI, is teaching business English two nights a week. In the process of buying a computer, she took a computer course at URI and loved it—got an A! She welcomes visitors on the RI beach. ■ **Katie Patch Crawford** is in business in Ventura, CA. She and partner John Anthony Miller are running the Phantom Bookshop (451 East Main St.), dealing in rare, fine, and antiquarian books. To find that rare book you've been looking for, e-mail her at Phantom@Phantoms.com or call 805/641-3844. ■ Your class secretaries received a gracious thank-you letter from Meagan Moore '97, the recipient of our class scholarship. We'll post it at reunion. ■ Speaking of reunion, by the time this newsletter is published, reunion will be close upon us. If plans have changed and you now find you can get to reunion, don't hesitate to come! It's never too late! (Try to contact the Alumni Office in advance—you can even register when you get there.) ■ The reunion booklet with all of our contributions will soon be available. What a treat is in store for you! The notes are a mix of funny, sad, introspective, exuberant, poignant, upbeat, philosophical, and refreshingly candid reflections of some of our life experiences over the last 40 years.

1957

Class Secretaries: **Mrs. Alexandrine Post Kootz**, 204 Tatoket Rd., Branford, CT 06405; and **Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace**, 201 Asbury St., South Hamilton, MA 01982.

Some 1,500 foreign military/naval guests, diplomats, American military personnel, and their partners gathered on November 11, 1995, in Canberra, Australia, to assist a "handful" of serving and "olde" Marines celebrate the 220th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. And **Bo Wakefield** was the se-

nior Marine officer present! "Not in rank, but in age!" Bo informs us, adding "Semper Paratus!" Bo lives in Terranora, New South Wales.

1958

Class Secretaries: **Stephanie Eaton**, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; **Joseph E. Mohbat**, 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and **Ann Parnie Ormsbee**, 1699 Candelerio Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.

Up in Maine, **Gale Valentine Lorenzen Flagg** reports that her Pressed Wildflower Products (RFD 3, Box 250, Fort Kent, ME 04743) mail order business is growing. She leads trips to introduce children and adults to the rare plants along the St. John River, and did six nature walk TV programs for her local station in 1995. Gale is also very involved with the Canadian-American 250-mile International Sled Dog Race, both as a trail worker and as a judge.

1959

Class Secretaries: **Mrs. Anthony Balaban (Kay Shook)**, 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and **Dr. Byron H. Koh**, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.

Carolyn Parks Behr has found an unusual way to raise funds for the Greylock A Better Chance (ABC) program in Williamstown, MA. By arranging for Williamstown families to provide rooms, gratis, for visiting parents of Williams College undergraduates, Carolyn raises several thousand dollars annually for ABC. The service is provided on two big college weekends, when local motels are stretched beyond capacity. The ABC program enables inner city youths to live in Williamstown and attend public high school. ■ **Bill** and **Carol Schraft Caughey** live near Seattle in Enumclaw, WA. One son is a Boston doctor, another son is getting an M.A. in education (Univ. of WA); and a daughter is doing an M.A. in art (Univ. of Southern CA). The author of several psychology articles, Carol is a psychotherapist working with children. As a potter, she has also exhibited in several galleries. She reminded me (**Byron Koh**) of the Robert Frost panel she and I and Jane Bryant Quinn '60 were on with Doc Cook and Prof. Munford. ■ **Dr. Charles Davis** is director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Program at Boise State Univ., as well as executive director of the Rocky Mountain Region of the Modern Language Assoc. Last year he received two service awards from the College of Arts and Sciences at BSU. He invites Midd friends to visit him in Boise, ID. Son

Geoff passed the WA bar and is now a lawyer in Seattle; youngest son, Andrew, is studying architecture at the Univ. of WA, Pullman. ■ Another resident of Boise, ID, **John Rich** has been out west for 22 years. He reports seeing **Don Freeman** and **Grantha Lavery Preston** while visiting Squam Lake in NH. Semi-retired from a career in personnel management, corporate training and development, he now concentrates on playing piano and keyboards. He has composed and performed the music for a CD, *Morning's Promise: Relaxing Instrumental Music with Sounds of the Sea*. John lives 16 miles from a ski area and less than three hours from Sun Valley. Divorced in 1972, his new family includes wife Marilyn and her children (10 and 14). His son is a pro bike racer and his daughter is working in film production and writing scripts. Another daughter lives in NM. ■ **Caroline Pring Adler** has moved to San Mateo, CA (555 Laurel Ave., #510, 94401). She and husband Mortimer are both happily retired and are pleased to be living near Kayo's two sisters. ■ **Bill** and **Marylee Hancock Siegle** have a new address in Saratoga, CA (15061 Gypsy Hill Rd., 95070). Mimi continues to stay busy with dyslexic tutoring and community work. ■ **Harriette Moseley Purdy** enjoyed a visit with **Bill** and **Susan Chapman Hansen** last summer at the Hansens' future retirement home on Cape Cod. Although Hattie's husband, Ken, is now retired, she continues to enjoy the challenges and rewards of teaching second grade. ■ The dream of a lifetime was fulfilled in February when **Barbara Freeman Irving's** husband, Dave, attended the L.A. Dodger dream camp in Vero Beach. Barbara continues her volunteer efforts for refugees. ■ Last summer, **Ron** and **Barbara Samson Thompson** had a wonderful trip to England to visit their daughter and son-in-law. The four then went on to tour Scotland. Barbara just completed a two-year term as president of the Madison Winter Club—the first female president in over 50 years! Way to go, Sammy! ■ **Sally Sprague Carr** leads an exciting life as a dept. chair at Lakeland College in Mentor, OH. She has had the opportunity to attend conferences at different universities, including the Univ. of MI, where her son, Dennis, is finishing his senior year. She had a great vacation in Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, which sounds especially great with all the snow and ice we were having! ■ Congratulations to Jennifer Locke, daughter of Bill '58 and **Noel Caseley Locke**, and to Brooke Bissell, daughter of Bob and **Martha Larsen Bissell**, both of whom are joining the ranks of Middlebury alums this June. Where does the time go!

Best Buddies



They used to sunbathe on the roof of Battell Cottage in 1945. Fifty years later Bev Boynton Kinsey, Adele Stemmler Taylor, and Betty Reid Buzby are "on a wonderful trip to Mexico. Still together!"

1960

Class Secretary: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

Betsy Cilley Goeke had a good excuse for not making reunion. Daughter Beth graduated from high school that weekend. Beth is one of 26 legacies in Middlebury's Class of '99. The first weekend in December, Rob and Betsy visited Midd to see Beth in the chorus of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at the Center for the Arts. Rob skied at the Snow Bowl while Betsy visited the Sheldon Museum, where she found material she needed to finish a museum studies certificate at Tufts. Daughter Beth reports that alumni weekends are more fun than parents' weekends! ■ Santa brought **Paula Hartz** a new toy for Christmas. Talk to her on e-mail at prhartz@aol.com. ■ **Breck and Sue Hibbert Lardner** have sold their Essex, CT, home and are living in Centerbrook, CT. ■ **Bob Millett** is working for a new life and health insurance company, due to the merger of his old company with its HMO subsidiary, forming a separate stock company, NYLCare. Bob now commutes to downtown NYC. Bob's wife, Joyce,

continues to work mornings at the Ridgewood High library and spent much time last fall preparing for daughter Elise's January wedding. Amanda is finishing her MBA at Boston Univ. Tom is thriving at Dartmouth. He's majoring in economics, minoring in computer science and math, and is an early morning DJ on the campus radio station. ■ The big adventure of '95 for Jim and **Louisa Potts Salmon** was their 17-day trip to Russia in May. As part of the United Methodist Church-sponsored Russian Initiative, the group's objective was to "establish a presence" in the Komi Republic, about 800 miles north of Moscow. They toured Moscow and St. Petersburg, donating medical equipment, educational materials, and Bibles. They returned with fond memories of a wonderful culture and friendly, generous people, who desperately need our support and prayers as they try to make the transition to a free society. Other highlights of the year from the Salmon family include the governor's inaugural ball, several Erie (PA) bicentennial celebrations, Jim's two Methodist-sponsored work trips, Becky's first house, JT's first three medical rotations, Louisa's fourth tennis league championship, and a fast getaway to the Bahamas. ■ For those who wonder where Oldsmar and **Jean Seeler** are, they are on the west coast of FL, between Tampa and the Gulf of Mexico. Come and visit. YO!

1961



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127 Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465; and Lee Kaufman, 161 Three Mile Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.*

We regret to report the death of **Edward R. "Ted" Mooney** on December 7, 1995. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Marge Brown Mooney '58, and all of his family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Reunion time is upon us. Can't wait to see everyone at Midd, May 31-June 2. **Roger Christian** and **Jane Cram Strekalovsky** are planning a wonderful weekend of activities—the more, the merrier!

1962

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Dearborn Cronin, 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832; and James D. Shattuck, 59 Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.*

While working as executive VP for First Interstate Investments, Inc., in Sacramento, CA, for the past few years, **Erik H. Green** was heavily involved in community activities. He served as a board director for the Sacramento Symphony, a trustee for Neighborhood Housing Services, treasurer and board member of the U.C. Davis Medical Center Hospice, and a director of the United Way. Now Erik has moved to Portland, OR, to become manager of First Interstate's new Northwest region investment sales program. ■ **Benjamin Rosin** had a very good year in 1995. In April he was elected a trustee of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. In June daughter Katie '97 completed sophomore year at Midd on the dean's list. And—last, but not least—in September he was married to Rachel Treitelman. Congratulations!

1963

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 5004 Ft. Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White, 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546 (e-mail cmrbrycs@aol.com).*

Hopefully by the time this reaches you, winter is long forgotten, and we have all been able to find the newspapers buried during the Blizzard of '96. ■ Congratulations to **Mark Aldrich**,

who has been named to the Marilyn Carlson Nelson Professorship of Economics at Smith College. Mark has taught there since 1968. ■ Belated best wishes to John and **Linda Patton Mengers**, married in July of 1993. The Mengers live in Durham, NH. ■ In response to the "best buddies" appeal, **Dave** and **Mary Leslie Hanscom** should win honors. They met at Midd and both sons also graduated, Brett in '92 and Greg in '95. One son wrote on his Midd application that part of his desire to attend the school stemmed from the lasting friendships of his parents. Those special friends include **Arnie Levinson, John Bower, Bill Fisher, Mary Louise Lockwood Rustin**, and **Judy Bogert Funderburk**. Dave, who teaches computer science at the Univ. of UT, is also into cross-country ski racing and writes ski touring guides. Mary works with Park City's Ecumenical Council and with teens. ■ Mary reports that **M.L. Lockwood Rustin** recently enjoyed her first trip west, skiing in Park City with a group of friends from NC. After having supper together, Mary said "we feel we know each other even better now than the year she and I roomed together ('61-'62) as junior counselors in Battell South. That was the year she met her husband, Bill, and Dave and I met. Our visit brought back all the sweetness of that year. We had our Yearbook out and even 1959 New Faces, catching each other up on what we knew about other classmates." ■ With six trips to Russia in 1995, **John Connors** is now at the point where he can negotiate the Metro in Moscow by himself! Most of his trips have centered around Moscow, where he has enjoyed the Bolshoi, Kirov, the Conservatory of Music, and the Russian Circus, as well as Rosie O'Grady's, one of three Irish bars in the city. After spending two recent weeks in Siberia, he heartily recommends a banya in Tomsk: "hot steam, cold water, birch leaves, cold beer, raw fish, and a form of perogies. All the while trying to discuss banking in Russia!" In Novosibirsk, Siberia, he had dinner with the 12 English-speaking people who happened to be in town—American travelers, and English and Australian reporters. His sojourns in Russia, he reports, "have led to a small cottage industry for me doing one-day seminars in New York for foreign bankers and businessmen on a diversity of subjects. To give you an idea, I currently have an assignment to prepare a seminar on business planning (so far, so good) for the pitted fruit industry (there's the problem). Seems I'll be visiting Rutgers extension for some help on that. Most assignments are not that far afield! I have also used these experiences as a substitute teacher in the Russian department at our local high school. That's fun!" John is looking forward to our next reunion, where we look forward to hearing more of his

stories. ■ **ML Lockwood Rustin's** Christmas greeting included news that she and Bill have moved to 4050 Kilmartin Rd. in Tallahassee, FL, after a "lifetime" in Raleigh, NC. Bill is the new CEO of the FL Retail Federation, one of the largest retail associations in the nation. ML writes, "We do have room for friends—do not hesitate to let us know if you are in the area." ■ Pull those cards out of your *Middlebury Magazine* and send in some news! Or send news to the e-mail address for **Chris White** above (the one in the winter issue was incorrect).

1964

Class Secretaries: **Barbara Bailey Hollister**, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (e-mail bbh@ulysses.att.com); and **Robert J. Baskin**, 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

At Georgetown Univ., **Karin Ryding** has been appointed dean of interdisciplinary programs and Sultan Qzboos bin Said Professor of Arabic. "Who'd have thought it," she comments. Her e-mail is rydingk@guvax.georgetown.edu. ■ If you're having trouble finding time to write us your news, perhaps you'll find it simpler to send an e-mail message. Write to bbh@research.att.com or bbh@ulysses.att.com and help us stay in touch with each other.

1965

Class Secretaries: **Polly Moore Walters** (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521 (e-mail: Walters@lamar.ColoState.edu); and **Frederick W. Stetson**, 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.

Congratulations to **Catherine Roskam**, the fourth woman to be consecrated an Episcopal bishop, the first in NY state. A theatre major at Midd, she founded the Joseph Jefferson Theatre Co. in the Church of the Transfiguration in 1972. Through the Episcopal parish in which her theatre co. was based, she became interested in the Episcopal church, began taking courses at General Theological Seminary, graduated with honors in 1984, and was ordained into the priesthood that year. She has served posts at Holy Apostles in Manhattan and, after moving to CA with her husband and daughter, in San Francisco and Mill Valley. She won election as suffragan (assistant) bishop last June and her consecration took place at St. John the Divine in Manhattan on January 27, 1996. She now serves as regional bishop for Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties.

Best Buddies

Dave and Mary Leslie Hanscom met at Middlebury in 1961 and sent both sons there (Brett '92 and Greg '95). "One wrote on his Midd application that one reason he wanted to go there was his parents' lasting Midd friendships."



1966



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Carolyn D. Holmes**, 38 Glenwood Rd., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043; and **Thomas R. Easton**, 10456 Burke Lake Rd., Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

Congratulations to **Robert North**, who has been named executive director of Boys Harbor Inc., a nonprofit, community-based educational institution serving more than 4,000 youths annually in NYC. A recent article reports that Bob was a key player in the development of the Harbor from a summer camp into a multifaceted youth agency. Bob joined the staff in 1967 and by the mid-1970s was associate director. While serving on the Harbor staff, he also worked as a pediatric dentist for many years. ■ **Fred Beams** is still teaching at the Groton School, where his two youngest daughters, Susannah and Maggie, are students and play ice hockey. Son Nathan graduated from UVM last year. Daughter Mary and her husband live in Middlebury with their baby daughter. ■ **George Britton** (3252 Greenleaf Dr., Brea, CA 92621) is working for the Orange County Environmental Management Agency. With bankruptcy looming over the county, he has found it interesting, to say the least. Like many, he has undergone many changes—separation, divorce, son departing home for the Army, and remarriage, which has brought two more teenagers into the family. Also like many, he has discovered that the passing years can bring less hair and an increasing waistline. Welcome to the club, George! ■ **Francine Clarke Page** has been teaching English courses at Champlain College in Burlington, VT, for about eight years. Husband Richard teaches social studies at the Milton, VT, high school. Daughter Elizabeth '95 is working in Essex Junction and thinking of

grad school. Youngest daughter Bridget is a sophomore at Boston Univ., following in her sister's footsteps as a music major. ■ Last fall **Joyce Smith Mills**, **Paul Upson**, **Dow Davis**, and **Tom Easton** attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in preparation for our 30th Reunion. ALC is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the College from the president, trustees, staff, and students. We all enjoyed reminiscing and found the conference helpful and interesting. ■ **Joyce Mills** (124 Arlington St., Winchester, MA 01890) is working in the compensation section of human resources at Harvard. Daughter Lisa is a junior at Brown, majoring in biology with medical school interests. Daughter Shirley is a junior at Phillips Andover. ■ **Paul Upson** is assistant dean of finance and operations at the Harvard Law School, where he has worked since 1980. His wife, Barbara, teaches reading/writing at a middle school in Lexington, MA. Son Warren is in the 11th grade at Northfield-Mount Hermon. At Phillips Andover, son Grant is a 10th grader and daughter Victoria is in the 9th grade. ■ In external affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School, **Don Davis** is increasing Harvard's endowment through solicitation of major gift prospects and donors. He has four daughters, with Haley in an MBA program at Babson College, Hilary pursuing a master's in early childhood education at Tufts, Alicia a high school junior, and Amanda finishing middle school. ■ **Tom Easton**, who maintains a busy travel schedule with the FBI, became a grandfather for the second time when daughter Sharon's son was born in February. ■ **George Walker** became interested in the environmental sciences while teaching earth science and biology at the South Kent School in CT. For the past 10 years, he has been working in environmental education for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. Two of his sons have graduated from college (American Univ. and Univ. of DE); one is at Eckerd College, and the youngest is completing 8th grade in Severna Park, MD. ■ Copies of **Bill Burke's** new book, *Mine Fields*, may be purchased

from the Nexus Press (535 Means St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30318).

1967

Class Secretaries: **Susan Davis Patterson** (e-mail: spatters@moose.uvm.edu), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and **David E. Robinson**, 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.

Lots of classmates are meeting and networking. **Laila Fungal Kain** and **Margot Childs Cheel** met at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Margot visited **Marion Boulbee** in NYC. **Kathy Towle Hession** helped arrange an internship for **Bill** and **Sue Schweickert Macy's** daughter at the UVM Medical School. **Tom** and **Susan Davis Patterson** met Mary and **Alex Taylor** for dinner in Stowe and ran into **Lynn Fox Stuart** on the ski slopes. So get on the phone and call a classmate. It always feels great! Some of us are enjoying communication via e-mail. I have addresses for **Jon Berger**, **Dana Brigham**, **Marion Boulbee**, **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, **Bill** and **Sue Schweickert Macy**, **Will Prescott**, and **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**. Please send your e-mail address to spatters@moose.uvm.edu and I'll be in touch. ■ **Freddy Mahlmann** has moved from one end of the Mad River Valley to the other. She is now in Waitsfield, VT. ■ The Class of '67 phone chain picked up immediately upon the sad and untimely death of **Fritz Harlow**. Many of us knew Fritz was battling cancer, but didn't realize how serious it was. Because he was undergoing chemotherapy, he had no resistance when he caught a cold in October and died of pneumonia on October 28. **Nancy Boardman Sparkman** writes: "I went to the memorial service, which truly was a celebration of his life. The enormous church was packed with friends, neighbors, fellow attorneys, and—most impressive—about 75 school children and young adults. Many were the beneficiaries of Fritz's longtime coaching and organizing efforts (Little League, softball, and hockey). **Dave Tura** and **John**

CLASS ACT

A Toast to Sand, Sun, Fun (and Success Postponed)



Five p.m., Honolulu. Quitting time. I bow a flirtatious adieu to the women at Table Six, turn my black "Sloppy Joe's Wait Staff" T-shirt inside-out, and join eight or so other off-duty waiters/waitresses at a dockside table stage-left. An Everclear daiquiri is already waiting for me. How nice.

We toast to love, sex, sex, our manager's haircut fiasco, and I finish with "... and to spending all our tips for the 16-millionth night in a row." Everyone laughs (it's an easy crowd). I raise my daiquiri, but before I can consummate the toast... I am suddenly seized with whiny introspection: *Hey. How many nights in a row has it been?*

Too many, say my parents, my wealthy suburban upbringing, my post-Middlebury expectations. This lifestyle is inexcusable. My silverware cache consists of two Kentucky Fried Chicken plastic knives and a plastic spoon, which is currently missing. I drink out of a Claussen kosher dill pickle jar, I use a beach towel as a pillow and a flannel shirt as a blanket, I owe MasterCard and VISA exorbitant amounts of money including my one-way plane ticket out here.

The scary part: I couldn't be happier. Not in a "Check me out, I'm a struggling artist, feel my creative angst" sort of way. I'm happier because I'm doing the things I want to do. I've pared my life down to just my current priorities: writing, socializing, lounging on the beach. When sleeping on a down pillow becomes a priority, I'll trade in a few of my CDs and then make the purchase.

Cheezy epiphany No. 2: I can do without the many amenities that I had thought were necessities. I don't need eight pans to cook a meal. One works. I don't need a closet full of towels to dry my hands.

And I definitely don't need all this post-grad obsessing. Instead I concentrate on the shimmering harbor waters. Mandatory Hawaii sunset reference reads postcard perfect: resplendent shafts of violet-red illuminate quiet waves, lazy palm trees, etc. I grin at my coworkers, and draw a long, cool sip from my daiquiri. How nice.

Anthony Tedesco '91 is cofounder/editorial director of Crisp (<http://www.crispzine.com>) and author of a book on life after college forthcoming from Zebra Books this spring.

Liccardi read from the Old and New Testaments. I spoke briefly with Mary after the service, to tell her that Fritz's love of living in VT was a big reason I moved here in 1985. He truly loved this state, and the friends he made at Middlebury." Thank you, Nancy, for sharing with all of us. ■ **Peter Lebenbaum** received the 1995 Children and Family Services Commissioner's Community Award from the Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The district director said of Peter: "His kindness, compassion, respect, strengths, and struggles personify the heart and soul of child welfare in

Addison County. Families in Peter's care will find hope and experience positive change through the strength of his clinical skills and his charismatic ability to engage them." ■ For those of you who have not yet heard the outcome of the Robot Wars in San Francisco last summer, we can inform you that the robots sported heavier motors, more speed, and more smashing power than the previous year. After a fierce battle, **Charles Tilford's** entry suffered a stripped gear, but came in second behind "The Master," a robot of truly awesome ferocity.

1968

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson, 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Ron Hoag and Holly Mathews welcomed son George Andrew ("Drew") on April 19, 1995. If he had waited eight more hours, Drew would have been born on brother Wesley's second birthday. Ron estimates that he is "probably one of the last of my vintage" to be embarking on parenthood. Any other contenders in the class? ■ It is with great sadness that we report the death on January 15, 1995, of **Ann Draper Brown**. Friendships forged at Middlebury 30 years ago remained strong throughout Ann's life and were especially meaningful to her in her last few months. **Nancy Cahill Mercer, Susan Hastings Chandler, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Margaret Dale, and Susan Blume White** stayed close to Ann, both by phone and with frequent visits to her home. Susan White reports that "her courage as she faced this final challenge was an example to us all. She never complained, and she lived her life to the fullest extent right up to the end. She asked only that she be allowed to do just that, and to be able to do it her way: with grace and dignity, and always with caring and concern for others." Ann served with Susan on the 25th Reunion yearbook committee and says, "It was she who came up with the title for the yearbook: Revolution-Evolution!" We extend the condolences of the class to Ann's family and to her many friends. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ A memorial also appears for **Craig Little**, who died on January 22. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Egila Lex Little, and their children, Aristide and Leonis. ■ **Nancy Brooks Richardson** has kindly agreed to serve as a class secretary now that **Tobi Gray Watson** has settled in the south of England. You will find Nancy pictured later in this issue as the mother of the bride, when daughter Megan '92 married Patrick Durkin last August. Stay in touch by sending news to your secretaries or to *Middlebury Magazine*.

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne, 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Wendy Cole Singleton says "old friends are the best!" She gets together every year in the fall with old friends **Lynn Markham Beebe, Patty Horton Mygatt, Elinor Livingston Redmond, Julia Lord Soule, Jackie Oden English, and Juliane Wallace**

Hughes. "We are as close as we were 25 years ago!"

1970

Class Secretaries: *Sue Thompson, P.O. Box 326, Mystic, CT 06355; and Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

Social anthropologist **Judith Lelchook** reports on her trip across the Atlantic last fall, which was "exciting and rewarding, and will hopefully spread some light on the role of different countries in the events of the Holocaust." She and a colleague received a grant from the Holocaust Museum to investigate the role of the Spanish and Portuguese governments in helping Jewish refugees escape Nazi persecution. "The story is a complicated one, and we've made the initial survey of available archival documentation and have interviewed some of the elderly officials who were involved. The story of Spanish and 'Sephardic' participation is largely unadvertised in America, because of the larger volume of Eastern European Jews involved and because the Israeli government has been largely governed by Ashkenazi Jews like myself, and from backgrounds in Poland, Russia, Germany. But as the Jewish leaders from Sephardic backgrounds (Spain, Iraq, Turkey, etc.) gain status, history is being filled out (or in!) as well. We're awaiting the reopening of the government—the Holocaust Museum is partially funded by the Dept. of Interior and has been closed since December 16—to learn where we and our research will go from here!"

1971

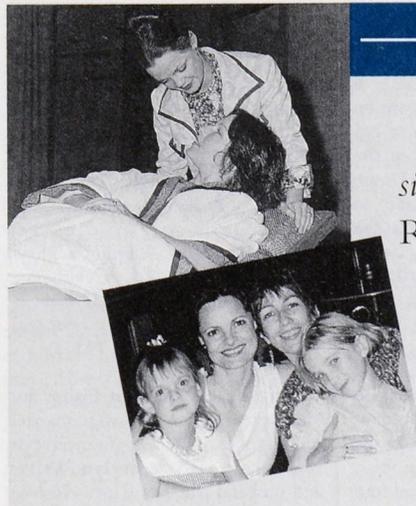


REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton, 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Sandy McDowell, 1 Weed Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

With sadness we report the death of **Ron Calloway** in a motorcycle accident on October 7, 1995. A memorial appeared in the winter issue of the magazine. We extend our sympathy to his wife, **Deborah Ericson Calloway**, son Eric, daughter Aisha, and granddaughter Maia. ■ **Barbara Lemmick** lives in Big Fork, MT. Since graduate school at UVM she has become a photographer and also teaches photography. She and her companion, Paul Zalis, are caretakers for a turn-of-the-century estate on Swan Lake, some eight hours' drive from Seattle, in an

area they love. "It's paradise," Barbara says. She would like Midd friends **Jean Sexton Hemmingsen**, **Randi Cross Lawrence**, and **Margi Nason** to get in touch with her at Sky Lodge, Rainbow Dr., Big Fork, MT 59911. ■ **Dick Sheckman** has moved his architectural business from the center of NYC, the hub of commercial activity, to the easternmost part of NY, Montauk, Long Island, where he is now swamped with work from all over the country. He runs three miles each morning on the "most beautiful beach in North America," plays golf, and is looking forward to our reunion. ■ **Bob Zuck** in Smithfield, RI, says that he would like to come to reunion. However, he runs a greenhouse business where late May and early June is "kickoff time" for his season. He and wife Debra Salzberg have two daughters, Rebecca (13) and Lily (10). ■ By reunion time, **Anne Yerpe Kavcic** will have been in Switzerland nearly 15 years. "I've managed to adjust to a small living space, seasonal selection of vegetables, stores open early but closing for lunch, lack of preservatives in most foods, using herbs, expensive Chinese food (I make it), and no Tex-Mex (ditto). I can be at the train station in seven minutes by bus or one-half hour on foot (crossing the stream on the footbridge), and no one will ask me if I'm walking because my car broke down." Anne informs us that **Suzanne Weibel** and her family visited when they were in Switzerland for a family reunion. "We loved seeing them and how their children (Colin and Claire) have grown up since two years ago!" ■ **Avistar Systems** has appointed **Chris Grejtak** VP of sales. Chris was formerly VP of marketing with Network General. Prior to 1994 he was president and CEO of Metaphor, Inc. Avistar provides video and document conferencing collaboration systems to business professionals. Chris, if you're coming to reunion (we hope), bring your collection of crisp grey tacks! ■ For those of you coming to the reunion, you can pick up some great art work done by **Al Howell** at any of 16 galleries in New England. So much for the starving artist! Al lives in Vershire, VT, in a house he designed and built. When not painting or strumming or unwinding in his sauna, Al spends time with children Nell, Thea, and Blair. ■ Another blast from the past: **Brian Curry** is alive and well in Montvale, NJ. He is doing very well for himself at Norstar, a natural gas company. He also spends a lot of time with his three children. When not parenting, he is also still playing guitar. If you would like to hear him jam with Al Howell at reunion, give him a call at 201/307-9229. He really wants to come, and a few phone calls would help him to rearrange his busy work schedule. ■ Our benevolent reunion fund-raiser, **Hector Griswold** is basking in his lifetime achievements: working for his wife of 17 years, Barbara, at



Specialties La Côte Basque, in southern NJ; two kids, Matthew and Kelsey; experienced living in Clinton, NY; San Juan, PR; Houston; NYC; and Philadelphia. We're sure Hector would like to hear from you at 609/466-3967.

1972

Class Secretaries: **Jennifer Hamlin Church** (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and **Judy Wingham**, 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.

We are happy to report the marriage of **Catherine O'Neill** and Donald Grace on October 28, 1995. ■ We are grateful to Lesley Cadman '73 for reporting that the *New York Times* (November 27, 1995) included a preview of a TV special called "Idols of the Game," an "anything-but-idolatorous look at this century's American sports heroes." It was written by *Times* sports-writer Robert Lipsyte and produced by **Kathy Sulkes**, his wife. Lesley e-mails: "It has been years since I talked to Kathy, but am pleased to hear she's still cranking out winners!" ■ This has been a frustrating year for federal government employees, even those deemed "essential," as **Jim Stedman** discovered at the Library of Congress. Although he and the rest of the Congressional Research Service were called in during the partial shutdown, everyone he had to contact to do his essential work was furloughed! **Jim and Kathy Lockard Stedman**, who will be parents of a college freshman this fall, report that daughter Nora could not be persuaded to apply to Middlebury. Kathy, who is "still plugging away at my thesis," hopes to receive her master's degree in mathematics just as Nora heads off to Haverford-Swarthmore-Kenyon-or-Guilford. ■ **Deborah Soule McIlrevey** left New England in January for the New York metro area. Hugh is working on Wall Street, while

Best Buddies

"Melanie Jackson and I have been friends since we met doing The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds at Middlebury sophomore year. This past summer our families got together at Melanie's house in France."

Janet Stanford '75

Debby and Julia (11) are enjoying the excitement of living 45 minutes from Manhattan in Ridgewood, NJ (759 Morningside Rd.). ■ Let us know what's happening in your world. Write, call, or visit in cyberspace by e-mailing Jennifer at jhchurch@sienahts.edu.

1973

Class Secretaries: **Robert L. Badger**, 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676 badgerl@potsdam.edu and **H. Kit Fuller**, 4600 Cloud Court, Boulder, CO 80301 kitfuller@usgs.gov.

When Anne Yerpe Kavcic '71 and her family traveled from their home in Switzerland to the States in '95, they caught up with **Peter and Darla Black Carras** and their children, Tim, Beth, and Cynthia. They live near Pittsburgh. Darla loves her new job with the Univ. of Pittsburgh library. Anne reported that "one highlight of our visit was singing one of our old choir pieces (sans bass), which Cynthia Carras is now singing, too!" ■ The insert card in the magazine is for you to report your news!

1974

Class Secretary: **Barry Schultz King**, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.

Congratulations to **Jeanne Meserve** and husband Jeffrey Blount on the birth of their second child, Jake, on August 8, 1995. "Big sister Julia (5) is thrilled." Jeanne reports that her "colleague from WRMC days, Frank Sesno '77, is now my boss at CNN. He was recently named Washington Bureau Chief. We often talk about all the hours we passed in Proctor and wonder what has happened to Flash and Duck. She envies the likes of **Barry Schultz King** in VT: "I can't remember the last time I got to mountains—any mountains!" ■ Ophthalmologist **Phil Roholt**, who

has been with the Ohio Eye Alliance for 12 years, reports that a new eye surgery center has recently been built. He is president of Future Vision of Ohio, refractive surgery division. Now living in North Canton, OH, Phil and wife Kathy have three children, Drew (11) and twins Tess and Jillian (8). Phil would be glad to hear from any Midd alumni. ■ **Hamilton Sporborg** has been elected to associate fellowship status at the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. His practice is in Chatham, MA. ■ **Phil Davis** enjoyed seeing the photo of Ann and Michael gracing the "Best Buddies" insert card in the fall issue. He writes: "I am still a solo practice civil rights lawyer in Albuquerque and recently celebrated a milestone: 10 years as a co-legal director of the ACLU of NM. With a Republican governor here in NM and Republican Congress in DC, we are busier than ever working to preserve civil liberties, particularly for non-white, non-male people, who are the target of the "Contract on America. But the real news is that our daughter, Rachel, has been accepted early admission to Midd's Class of 2000! It was (almost) all her idea. I stayed out of it and kept my mouth shut, except to tell her a few stories of my time at Midd. And I gave her a tour of the campus in October, and kept telling her that the unseasonably warm weather—70s and sunny—was a serious exception to the rule (which is cold in the fall, colder in winter, and overcast and gray November till March). But she nevertheless chose Midd over several other topflight schools—and yes, I'm very pleased!" ■ **David L. O'Connor** was appointed commissioner of the MA Division of Energy Resources last April. David has more than 20 years of experience as a mediator of energy, economic, and environmental disputes, and he holds a master's in public administration from Harvard's JFK School of Government. As energy commissioner, his job will be to facilitate the process of introducing competition into the billion-dollar-plus electric industry in MA, so his work is cut out for him.



Karin Malmstrom '79 and David O'Rear (see 1979 column)

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown, 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609; and Tony MacDonald, 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Janet Stanford and Melanie Jackson did theatre together at Middlebury, have gotten together periodically over the years, and their daughters, Arianne and Emma, were born four days apart. Janet writes: "Melanie now lives in Paris and freelances as an opera singer. I work as director of theatre for a children's theatre company in the DC metro area. While we have lived far from one another for 20 years, we have stayed close in spirit. It is always great when we do rendez-vous." ■ **Bradley Bender**, an assoc. prof. of medicine at the Univ. of FL College of Medicine, e-mails: "It has snowed once in the 10 years I've lived in Gainesville. I've been married for 14 years to Joyce McDonald Bender and have three children, Ethan (11), Avery (9), and Kelsey (8)." He credits Prof. David Ledlie with instilling in him a true love of science and investigation. "Most of my professional life is now spent in trying to understand why older persons suffer excessively from influenza and pneumonia. Outside of work, most of my time seems to be spent coaching Babe Ruth League Baseball. Go Gators!" ■ **David L. Kester** (M.A. English '79) and wife Rita have a son, Adam, who joined sister Elizabeth (8) on May 17, 1995. David reports: "I continue to survive the vicissitudes of life as a NY actor and commercial print model. Recent spots include Citibank, ITT, IBM, and Comedy Central. Michael Katz '77 sometimes helps me as an agent/manager. As a member of the board of directors of Theatre Next, I've been privileged to work recently as an actor with my sophomore roommate, **Jon Lonoff**. I would love to hear from long-lost friends at 510 Broome St., #3W, New York, NY 10013." ■ **Peter Kunhardt** and his father and brother, have published (Knopf) a lavishly illustrated biography of circus czar P.T. Barnum. Their coffee-table volume, *P.T. Barnum: America's Greatest Showman*, sounds fascinating, judging

from a review in *Fortune* magazine (February 5, 1996). Peter has also been involved in a documentary on ABC and a book on Abe Lincoln (1992). ■ **Bruce Moseley** has left his position of curator at Fort Ticonderoga to become the executive director of the Oneida Community Mansion House in Central NY. Although reluctant to leave the Champlain Valley, he likes the Oneida area, and his wife, Leigh Yardley, grew up there. He writes: "I have already seen old friends from Middlebury **George** and **Pinny Bristol** '75 **Kuckel**, who live in nearby Clinton. I hope that any other central New Yorkers or others passing by on the NY State Thruway will stop in at this fascinating historic site." Once the home of the 19th-century utopian Oneida Community that evolved into Oneida Ltd., makers of silver and stainless flatware, the mansion now houses a museum, a small theatre, apartments, bed and breakfast rooms, and a dining room. Bruce advises that their chef trained at the Culinary Institute of America "and the buffets on the last Friday of the month are wonderful."

1976



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Thomas Hitch, 1180 Lyman Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391; and William Kuharich, 305 Ormond Blvd., Destrehan, LA 70047.*

Congratulations to **Lisa Bent Chace**, who ran in the 1994 and 1995 Boston Marathons, and qualified for the 100th Boston Marathon scheduled for April '96. ■ **Eric** and **Anne Stehlin Witherspoon** receive kudos in the 1978 column for their work at Middlebury as dorm parents and leaders in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. ■ **William Kuharich** has been promoted to executive VP/general manager for the New Orleans Saints. He was previously VP/director of football operations. At age 42, he becomes the third youngest general manager in the National Football League. Bill and wife Betsy have two children, Megan Ashley (2 1/2) and Alexis Marie (8 months). Bill remembers best buddies **Peter Boucher, Will Graham, John Doane, Todd Wadsworth, Billy O'Hare, and Kevin Cummings** from Middlebury days. ■ We regret to report the death of **Harry Olander III** on October 5, 1995. We extend the sympathy of the class to his family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ **David Capps** (dcapps@stripe.Colorado.edu) is a choreographer and dancer on the faculty at the Univ. of

CO, Boulder. David wrote for information about our 20th Reunion this spring. We hope to have a great turnout at reunion and look forward to catching up on news from far and wide.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and William R. Thickstun (xwrt@zorbha.info.sunyit.edu), 76 Utica St., Clinton, NY 13323.*

Congratulations to **Ellen Fisher** and **Hugh Stockmayer**, who were married on October 28, 1995. They live in Marblehead, MA. ■ **Evelyn Walzer** and husband **Michael Rowe** '76 have packed up and moved to the outer suburbs between Cleveland and Akron. Evelyn writes that "two high-powered careers and two children left us both beyond the point of exhaustion," so **Michael** left **Kmart Inc.** and **Evelyn** left **Salomon Brothers**. **Michael** is now senior director of data processing with **Finast**, a supermarket chain, and **Evelyn** is "taking a sabbatical from working for a paycheck to focus on the job of raising children." ■ **David Price** is the owner/manager of a construction products distribution firm in Kirkland, WA. He continues to play and love soccer and is resurrecting skiing, now that his daughters have reached skiing age (3 and 6). From Middlebury days, **David** remembers good buddies **Katie Troast, Paul Daukas, Steve Pilcher, Stewart Graham, and Dave Treitel**, all class of '76.

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend, 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary, 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne, 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Joyce Rowe Cassidy notes that "most of my close friends were Feb freshmen, like me," citing especially **Lynn Warner, Wendy King, Dave Colbert, and Peter Culman**. **Joyce** has joined her husband in a new commercial and investment real estate business, **Cassidy & Cassidy, Inc.** in southern NH, "if you need space, call us at 603/472-7823." ■ **Heather Allport-Cohoon** counts her best Midd friends as **Eric** and **Anne Stehlin Witherspoon** '76, who were her dorm parents in Milliken her first year. They were also her "spiritual parents" in Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. **Heather** reports that she has been involved in some sort of ministry ever since. "Today I am an addictions counselor in a hospital treatment center, where I teach patients about spirituality and recovery. I am deeply grateful to the Witherspoons for

the foundation they gave me and the love and friendship we continue to share." She adds that **John McCardell** was her favorite professor, "because he believed in me and encouraged me to do my best." **Heather** and husband **Rob** have five children, from five months to 15 years of age. ■ On January 1, **Sally Paxton** was named a partner in the international law firm of **Fulbright & Jaworski**. Practicing in the firm's DC office, **Sally** focuses on general civil litigation and employment law. ■ **Melissa** and **Scott Aborn** (saborn@sover.net) were excited to welcome son **Simon Burke** to their growing brood on December 13, 1995. **Simon** joined older sisters **Madeleine** and **Mariette**. The **Aborns** are renovating a 19th-century cape in **Wells, VT**. ■ **Robert P. Haney, Jr.**, and wife **Colleen** celebrated the birth of daughter **Elinor Madeline** on January 31. **Bob** has become a partner in the Manhattan law firm of **Howard, Darby & Levin**. He would love to hear from Midd friends in **Hoboken, NJ** (201/656-3251). ■ **Ken Gart's** 40th birthday party in **Denver** in **January** brought back memories for **Wendy Fleming** of "one of the wildest and best parties I went to at Middlebury"—**Ken's** joint "shots and shorts" celebration with **Reid Figel** 22 years ago. Speaking of **Reid**, for the last eight years he has been working for the U.S. Attorney's Office as chief of the Security Fraud Unit in the southern district of NY, prosecuting white-collar crime like the **Milliken** case. He has been keeping busy recently with a Japanese bank case. Although **Reid** claims to work long hours for little pay, he confesses that he loves his job. "I seem to be unable to find a wife, though," he adds. Any suggestions, classmates? ■ **Laura Caruso** says she's having fun appearing at book signings and on radio talk shows to promote the second edition of her book, *The Insider's Guide to Greater Denver*, a comprehensive guide on things to do in the mile high city. ■ **Susan Cotton** could probably write a book about her adventures traveling around the world teaching English as a second language. In the last 12 years she has lived in Europe, the Caribbean, and Latin America, working with adult literacy programs. She recently spent nine months in Central America doing volunteer work to help Guatemalan refugees. Now working in the education dept. of a Denver television station, she encourages classmates interested in traveling or volunteering in Latin America to call her! ■ In April '94, **Leslie Davis Zachary** retired from the international textile trading business she ran for two years to spend more time with husband **Andrew** and stepson **Paul**. She then began working part time for **Jewish Family Service of Stamford**, running an elder care referral program. "The big news is that my daughter, **Julia Rose**, was born on August 17, 1995. In less than three years I have gone from being a single entre-

preneur with an international business based in Manhattan to a suburban mother of two driving a station wagon. Talk about culture shock!" ■ **Mike '77** and **Karen DiValentino McGown** announce the birth of Kali Ruth on October 27, 1995. Brother Justin (3) loves introducing his sister and speaking for her. Karen says she loves being a stay-at-home mom, but is toying with ways to work at home or do some volunteer work once Kali is a little older. ■ This year many of us hit the Big 40! Write and tell us about your birthday celebration and/or mid-life crisis.

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna, 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982 dbmack@aol.com* and *Margaret A. Paine, 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, N.H. 03824 mapaine@christa.unh.edu.*

Peter and **Kathy Byrd Mandel** list their best buddies at Midd as **George Varga**, and **John** and **Missy DeSalvo '78 Berg**. "We're lucky that our best pals live close enough so we can still hang around with them. Missy and John's son, Carl, and George's dog, Sally, are also good friends of ours." ■ Belated congratulations to **Joseph** and **Carol Zuber Pittore**, whose daughter **Rebecca Pittore** was born July 25, 1994. Carol also has a new job, genetic counseling at Mercer Medical Center. ■ **Sandra Kunhardt Basile** (110 Post Rd., Warwick, RI 02888) reports that her first book, *A Mother's Circle*, was being published about March 1, 1996, by Avon books. She and her husband are the parents of two daughters and the book is about the enormous changes that occur in the first year of new motherhood. Some of her chapters sound applicable to many of us, such as "The Importance of Sleep" and "The Changes in Your Marriage." The book is co-authored with her sister and **Lisa Spiegel**, who have a family counseling practice in NYC. ■ **Rick Weston** reports that **Tom Plant** got married in October in Maryland. **Rick**, **Sam Boe**, **Colin Myer**, and **Jason Rubin** all attended and paid off a 20-year bet as to who would be the last among them to be married. (Who would have bet against Tom on that one?) Rick remains happily ensconced in VT as an administrative law judge, while wife **Karen (Lindstadt) '78** is a veterinary technician in Montpelier. They have two children, Rachel in the second grade and Paul in kindergarten. ■ Finally, **Gary Powell** reports that he has a new e-mail address and a new job. He left Adobe and now works for Synergistic Software, where he creates computer games. Yes, you read correctly: he gets paid to play and create games. To top it all off, he now works only 15 minutes from home and gets

to spend more time with his daughter. You may all complain directly to Gary about the unfairness of life by sending him e-mail at garyp@synergistic-sw.com. Between games, he may respond. ■ We heard through the grapevine that **Mary Porter Wright** sang with the Robert Shaw Chorale at Carnegie Hall in a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*. Emory Fanning confirmed the performance of that work on January 21 and reported that it got a great review in the *NYTimes*. He also congratulated **Mary Beth** for being one of 80 very select conductors/singers from all over the country who took part in what has become the very best choral experience around. ♦ **PHOTO CAPTION: Karin Malmstrom** and **David O'Rear** were married October 15, 1994. They are living in Hong Kong.

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

Ed. Note: We welcome David and Laura LaFever Austin as class secretaries, while also extending the heartfelt thanks of the class and the College to Rich Silton and Robin Putnam Ahmann for their years of successfully keeping classmates in touch. ■ It is with great sadness that we report the death of our friend and classmate **Susan Coyne Walsh**. Susan died on October 25, 1995, from a respiratory complication brought on by a virulent type of pneumonia. All of us who knew Susan will always celebrate her vibrant energy and personal style. A funeral service was held for Susan in her hometown of Syracuse, NY. **Anna Gebelein Keegan** spoke about Susan's special zest for life, her love of travel, and her rising career as a talented labor relations attorney for the City of Boston. Susan's life was marked by laughter, good times, and the love and devotion of her family and friends. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. ■ After spending so many years in Boston, **Norah Wallace** moved to Chicago last summer. "I'm living right downtown and loving it. I've joined the hi-tech industry and am working for U.S. Robotics, the nation's largest manufacturer of modems and information access products." ■ **Peter J. Murray** has been appointed executive director of planning and information technology at the Catholic Univ. of America. Before coming to CU in 1992, Peter was an associate at SUNY's Central Administration Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Policy Analysis at Albany. ■ According to *Skiing* magazine, the Chinese government has approved plans for the mainland's first ski resort. **Kyle Westgard** is heading up the China Ski Corp. project known as **Lau Tu Ding**, or **Baldy Mountain Resort**,

which was to include a modest village and one snowcat-served slope for the past winter, but should pick up by 1998 to about 3,000 skiers a day. Kyle has spent years in Asia running an export business and speaks fluent Mandarin. To invest, call Kyle at 303/278-0297. ■ **Macy Lawrence Ratliff** remembers Midd best buddies **Alison Osius** and **Alden Cadwell**. Macy is still juggling part-time work as a pediatric audiologist and deafness consultant with being heavily involved in her daughter's cooperative school. "I love to see **Steve** and **Robin Putnam Ahmann**, **MJ Wagner Dedon**, **Libby Halpin Elson**, and **Gretchen Hund McCabe '79**, all Seattle area residents." ■ **Rich Silton** reports: "I merged my company with another on May 1 of 1995 (with the fine legal advice of **John Pomerance**), and I remain CEO. The combined entity, now located in Natick, MA, is called **Champagne/Lafayette Communications Inc.** We are now the largest marketing, advertising, and public relations firm in central MA. I believe we are also the largest fully integrated marketing communications firm in New England. We have 100 employees, and the growth continues. ■ Rich has heard from **David Heires**, better known to mates as "OJ" or "The Juice." Rich reports that "apparently, he (David) went to hear Assistant D.A. Christopher Darden of Simpson trial fame speak. David cornered him after the talk and asked for his autograph, explaining that he, too, was "OJ." Darden obliged, and our Juice considers this his 15 minutes (apologies to Warhol)." The inscription reads: "To Juice—Praise God, Christopher Darden." ■ **Brad Armstrong** married **Lucy McKeon** in April 1995, and they moved from the Navajo reservation to the Northeast Kingdom of VT (802/684-9693), where they were hoping for "a winter full of snow!" Brad writes, "I'll be the only doctor in the Concord, VT, Health Center, while Lucy, a family practitioner, is working in Danville. We're both happy to be back in VT and welcome any friends, old and new, to stop by." ■ **Jennet Walker** and husband **John Auerbacher** had their first child on Christmas Day 1995. Congratulations to the parents of **Isaac Hart Auerbacher**. ■ **Sam Bierner** is now a partner in **Allied Physicians DFW**, a multispecialty physician group in the Dallas and north TX area. As director of a center for work-related injuries, he specializes in physical rehabilitation and peripheral neurological disorders. "In my spare time, I am an avid pinhole photographer, and interested in art, printmaking, and photography. I have discovered the computer age, and now am PC-semiliterate, and have an e-mail address: smbgroup@dallas.net, or smbstudio@aol.com. I am interested in collecting art and fine art photography, and would like to hear from any current students or alumni with similar interests in alternative photography."

1981



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler, 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

David Nalen died on December 16, 1995, at his home in Sun Valley, ID, after a seven-year battle with cancer. David had successful careers, both in teaching and in commercial real estate development. He was also an extraordinary athlete. Some of the awards he received are listed in his memorial, elsewhere in this issue. We extend the sympathy of the class to his wife, Elizabeth, his brother, Peter '83, and all the family. ■ Congratulations to **Meg** and **P.J. Murphy**, who welcomed daughter **Margo Barrett** on September 18, 1995. She joins her five siblings: twins **Lane** and **Kyle** (7), **Haley** (5), **Karly** (3), and **Kasey** (2). All is well—and no doubt busy—in Westborough, MA. ■ **Brad '82** and **Lynn Gieg Peterson** have three children, a 9-year-old and twins (11). Their names are **Brandon**, **Bryce**, and **Brody**. ■ **Cameron King** and **Marc Schoenfeld** were married in January at **La Belle Epoque**, a restaurant in Manhattan. **Cameron** is a VP of **Gavin Anderson**, a financial public relations co. ■ The January marriage of **Elizabeth Hopkins** and **Randall Dunn** took place at **Ciboney**, a hotel in **Ocho Rios, Jamaica**. The newlyweds both received master's degrees in education from Harvard and both are administrators at the **Derby Academy** in **Hingham, MA**. ■ **PHOTO CAPTION:** The marriage of **Marcia Nordgren** and **Colin Buxton** on October 7, 1995, was also the occasion of a reunion for **Marcia** and five Middlebury friends who have been "best buddies" since their freshman year in **Stewart**. Pictured at the reception at the **Woodrow Wilson House** in **DC** are **Carolyn Bausch**, **Leslie Evans**, the newlyweds, **Aline Storey Zimmer**, and **Barbara Jean Burns Comstock**. **Colin** and **Marcia**



Marcia Nordgren '81 and Colin Buxton (see 1981 column)



Wendy Coughlan '83 hosted a gathering at her home in Ferrisburgh, VT, last May (see 1983 column).

both work for jet engine manufacturer Rolls-Royce Inc., Marcia as associate general counsel in Reston, VA, and Colin as manager for U.S. Pegasus Operations in Arlington, VA. They live around the corner from Carolyn and her husband, Doug Smith, in Arlington. They are also near Barbara Jean and her husband, Chip, and children Danny, Peter, and Katie, in McLean. An attorney working on a Senate committee in DC, Beej is very involved in the Whitewater and Travelgate investigations. Leslie lives in Manhattan, where she is a management consultant at Goodrich & Sherwood Co. Aline works at AT&T in Basking Ridge, NJ, and lives in Chatham with husband Chip and sons Alex and Drew.

1982

Class Secretaries: *Alison R. McGhee, 3441 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408; and Charles H. Robinson III, 118 Paradise Ave., Piermont, NY 10968.*

We are very sad to report the deaths of **Sarah Van der Veer Ryan** and **Scott Sandblom**. The Class of '82 sends condolences to Sarah's husband, Jim Ryan '80, and their four children, and to Scott's wife, Rondi Sandblom, and their two boys. Sarah and Scott will be sorely missed. Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Susan and Andy Kleit** and toddler Paul live in Baton Rouge, where Andy is an associate prof. of economics at LSU. ■ **Mitch Brown** left First Boston last year and joined Merit Capital Associates as managing director of fixed income. Shortening his commute from 1 1/2 hours to 1 1/2 minutes, he has more time to spend with his family in Westport, CT. ■ On August 5, 1995, a large Middlebury contingent gathered in New Paltz, NY, for the marriage of Kristanya Ryan (Univ. of UT) and **Jeff Clarke**. Performed by Edgar Sather, P'79, of Brattleboro, VT, the ceremony was attended by Jim Goodwin '79 (who splits his time between VT and CO), Deb and Phil Mann '79, **Alison McGhee** (Minneapolis), Cristina and **Tom**

Calcagni and new daughter Lexi (Rutland), **Chris Beal** (Seal Beach, CA), **Chris Price** (Chappaqua, NY), Nancy and **Phil Reding** (Franklin, TN), Margaret and **Ned Midgley** (Ossining, NY), Heather and **Roger Harper** and sons Reed and Ryan (NYC), Noy Holland '83 (Andover, MA), Jim and Jane Ogden Houston '83 (divide their time between CT and VT), Karen and Eric Wilson '84 (East Burke, VT), Eric Menck '84 (Anchorage, AK), Rob Cartmell '84 (Ipswich, MA), David Spaidal '84 (London, U.K., where he is finishing his MBA), Susan Resnicoff '91 (Belmont, MA), and Mark (M.A. English '91) and Stephanie Smith Luebbers (M.A. English '90) and son Jonas (East Burke, VT). The newlyweds live in Andover, MA. ■ **John "RJ" Hake**, still a civil engineer in San Francisco, reports that **Paul Brumbaum** lives in the Berkeley Hills with his wife and two daughters; **Greg Murphy** broke his wrist while rock climbing last fall; **John Vergara** works for a financial service firm and **Elizabeth Stelluto** works in marketing for Charles Schwab (both in SF); **Lisa Kissinger** has a cherubic new son; and **David Cole** was married to Linda Bouchard in Seattle last May. ■ Psychiatrist **Scott Stroup** has moved to Chapel Hill, where he is an asst. prof. in both the Medical School and the School of Public Health. ■ **David Mayfield** is designing/building/remodeling houses in Ann Arbor, MI. ■ Jeff and **Ellen Harris Swiggett** live in Madison, CT, with children Kate (7), Ty (5), and Callie (2). ■ Ed Johnson and **Eliza Menninger's** daughter, Katherine Rose, was born September 25, 1995. Son Bill is 5. Eliza is medical director of the partial hospital program at McLean Hospital. ■ As co-director of Synergy Learning Inc., **Meredith Wade** has started an after-school science program—Explore!—in an effort to involve Brattleboro area girls, grades 4-5-6, more actively in science. ■ Congratulations to Graham Tracey, a junior from Monmouth Beach, NJ, who was this year's recipient of the Class of 1982 Scholarship. Majoring in American civilization, he attended the School for International Training this spring. ■ **Chris Kelley** (Groesbeekseweg 338, 6523 PL Nijmegen, The Netherlands +31-24-323-8655) was transferred to Holland last September to establish Intermec's marketing department for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa headquarters in Nijmegen. With wife Valerie and daughter Bryn, Chris aspires to see as much of Europe as possible before returning to Seattle at summer's end. ■ On sabbatical from the Loomis Chaffee School, **Betsey Conger** spent time studying in the Galapagos last summer, rented a house on Nantucket for the fall, then headed to NM/AZ. ■ **Kathy Havard** and husband Todd Feitelson recently welcomed daughter Emma, who joins brother Jonah (2). ■ **Brett Hulsey** lives with

wife Mary Kay and son Tyler in Madison, WI, where he's director of the Sierra Club's Great Lakes Program. ■ Living in Santa Fe with their two daughters, **Benjamin Bromley** and **Isabel Dulfano** are applying for jobs in their respective fields for next fall. Ben finished his Ph.D. in physics and has a post-doc at Los Alamos National Lab. ■ **Blake Stimson** recently had a visit from Isabel while Ben was in Australia. New daughter Louise was only a few days old and Blake was still trying to figure out this fathering business. Living in Brooklyn, NY, with artist wife Anne Naldreff, Blake is completing Ph.D. work in art history at Cornell.

1983

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 10027 Doliver, Houston, TX 77042; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 2440 Tulik Dr., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

Karen Edlund has joined Boston Financial's finance team as VP. She was formerly VP and treasurer of M/A-COM, Inc. of Lowell, MA. ■ **Susan Cassidy** has moved from Cambridge to West Newton, MA. ■ **Michelle Buchesneau Lally** is enjoying life in Charleston, while working at the Medical Univ. of SC as a developmental pediatrician. She is particularly enjoying son Joseph Michael Lally III, born September 21, 1995, and his sister, Margot. ■ **Lesley Woodberry Robinson** moved to Hong Kong in August to join her husband, Mark, who was transferred there by his employer. "We love the Asian culture and frenetic pace of the city." ■ **John H. Wellington** (JHWellington@msn.com) was recently promoted to branch manager of Smith Barney's Hyannis, MA, office. Now relocated to Cape Cod, John and wife Mary Beth, and children Kelsey (4) and Jack (2 1/2), welcome Midd friends coming to the Cape to stop by (508/778-6223). ■ Not content to idly vacation in CO, **Craig Morrow** (now of Las Vegas, NV) and **Lloyd Langhammer** (now of Waterford, CT) single-handedly captured a bike thief in the act! The *Aspen Times* reports that Aspen police credit our classmates with helping them find the person responsible for dozens of unsolved bike larcenies in Aspen last summer. Move over Stallone and Schwarzenegger. ■ Next time you're in Chattanooga, make sure to catch a Lookouts baseball game. **Frank Burke** is a part owner and the general manager of the minor league team. He and wife Susan (Meier) '82 sold their radio stations in Bath, ME, and moved to TN with their three children. They are enjoying their new home and Frank is loving his new job: "My office is the ballpark, which kind of says it all." ■ **Nicole Porino Bloomfield** is the busy mother of sons Ian (4), Charlie (2), and James (6 mos.).

She is also a software consultant at Waterfield Technology Group, specializing in implementing client/server applications. Husband Jeff is a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch in Boston. They live in Carlisle with skiing nearby. Nicole writes, "We ski race one night a week in a corporate racing series at Watchusett Mountain, which is a lot of fun." ■ **Gioia Kuss** continues to run her business, Good Bulls, in Orwell, VT. She and husband Don Kenney headed north to AK last summer to visit **Mark and Jeanne Hammond Larsen** at their fish site on Kodiak Island, helping land an island-wide record salmon catch. ■ **Wendy Coughlan** held a mini-reunion at her home in Ferrisburgh, VT, last spring. A group photo appears near the column. Wendy continues to work at the Lake Champlain Waldorf School, teaching a group of sixth and seventh graders. Ned and **Ibit Wright Getchell** have bought a house near Burlington and are working in the area. Also at the reunion, Dave and **Judy Carlhian Larson** are busy with gardens and children, as well as building and carpentry. ■ **PHOTO CAPTIONS:** A gathering at the home of **Wendy Coughlan** in Ferrisburgh, VT, last May brought together (front row) **Jean Hammond Larsen**, Silas Larson, Molly Larson, **Judy Carlhian Larson**, Sophie Larson, Ned Getchell, **Ibit Wright Getchell**, (back row) **Mark Larson**, Don Kenney, **Gioia Kuss**, and Dave Larson. If you are careful to note which name is spelled with an "e" and which with an "o," you will be able to figure out which kids are Larsons and which are Larsens! Molly Larson and Silas Larson were born on exactly the same day—March 10, 1991! ■ **Elizabeth "Bep" Greer** and John "Jeff" Edwards were married on October 7, 1995, in Spokane, WA. Present but not pictured were David Dewey



Elizabeth Greer and John "Jeff" Edwards (see 1983 column)



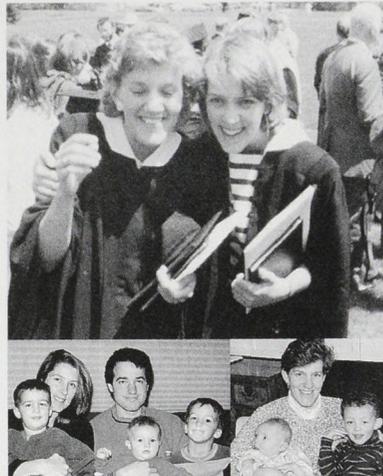
The First Annual Middlebury Alumni Arapahoe Tennis Club Mixed Doubles Get Together in Colorado included Buck Dominick '84, Wendell Fleming '78, Fred Taylor '83, Ellen Hereford Thompson '83, and Hunt Walker '77.

'79, Martha Keenan Baldwin '84, and Wendy Hamilton '84. About her 1994 return to WA from the San Francisco Bay area, Bep says, "it was the best move I've made: the sea kayaking, backcountry skiing, and biking are great here. But it does rain and rain and rain." After heading to New Zealand for some great spring weather, the newlyweds returned to live in Renton, WA.

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case*, 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and *David Wagstaff IV*, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Caroline Woodhouse Buchta and **Abigail Wilson Julien** were roommates freshman year in Battell South second floor and have been close friends ever since. Abby has pursued a career in newspaper reporting and Caroline in elementary teaching. Recently, however, both are "working at home" as full-time mothers. Abby and husband **Aaron Julien** have three children, Isaac (5), Asa (3), and David (1). Caroline and husband Mark have a son, John (4), and a daughter, Katrina (1). ■ **James A. Harrington** and wife Lisa welcomed son Daniel Walter on July 5, 1995. ■ Son Eamon Hoyt joined Dave and **Alynn Johnston** on July 17, 1995. ■ **David Caudle** is working on a mural project. Artist David Salle hired him to paint the renderings and subsequently asked him to execute the actual mural of his design, which will be installed in Osaka, Japan. ■ **Matt Ellenthal** and Bailey have reappeared in Seattle, with his own start-up magazine marketing venture. Matt joined PQ and Wags for a Giants game and brew tour in Seattle. ■ **Ham Hackney** was soundly defeated on his home dartboard recently, in his new apartment in Beantown. ■ **Gene Cleaves** slipped on the ice and had his skating ankle casted for six to eight weeks. ■ **Grant Dewey, Mark Tabah, Rick Makin, and David Wagstaff** survived major court battles and snow on Long Island, during a February member-guest doubles squash tourney. ■ **Phil Huffman** entered Yale grad school in September 1995. ■ In SLC, **Paul Quinlan** and **Steve Moynahan** were blessed with 120 inches of new powder in three January weeks. ■ **Mason Wells** was spotted in Martha's Vineyard (with wife Kathy and kid), and in Carmel (solo) during rained-out Bing Crosby golf tourney. ■ **Brian "Yogi" O'Day** entertained Midd's soccer team in London during an off-side tour. ■ **Kate Lucey** and husband David McCabe have moved to Hamilton, NY. David is a philosophy prof. at Colgate Univ. Kate is a city planner for Utica, NY. ■ Son Aidan Todd joined **Diana Rhudick** and Mark Beckley on May 5, 1995. Diana still runs a translation



business from her home. ■ In Cordova, AK, **Kristin Smith** ran for the city council last fall. After losing by a narrow margin, it was discovered that 63 voters had written Kristin's name in on the ballot but had not checked the proper box, so those votes weren't counted. In other words, Kristin actually won the election, but was robbed! Send all incensed letters to the mayor of Cordova. ■ **Jill Goodman Segal** is enjoying a busy home life with son Max (2) and husband Steve. Jill is absorbed with remodeling projects in their new home (414 Eudora St., Denver, CO, 80220). ■ Congratulations to **Dr. Beth Reuman Hemond**, who has completed her Ph.D. in counseling psychology and is now a licensed psychologist at Boston's Emerson College Counseling Center. ■ Living in Sweden with husband Bosse, and sons Freddy (7) and Kristofer (5). **Cindy Morrison** reports on lots of "rolling out gingerbread and saffron Lucia buns" at Christmas time. Cindy spent three weeks in London this year for a Montessori seminar, and is writing exams to become an authorized Montessori elementary teacher. She visited **Helen Carpenter Bodell** while in the U.S. last summer. ■ In Canada, **Heather Lank** has been "involved in some fascinating legislative battles in the Senate, the most visible and emotional being gun control. Organizing extensive public hearings and helping the committee in its work was challenging and very satisfying. Husband Peter Fortier and I are both involved in curling, playing one night a week at our respective clubs." With daughters Tessa and Evie, they have moved to a new home (83 Newborough Cres., Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2G6A6). ■ In CO, **Buck Dominick** is "very busy with the family—Whitney (13), Caroline (10), Christopher (4), and Josh (2)—and with work. Still practicing law, representing injured people and going to trial. Looking forward to a season of skiing with three of the four kids." Buck recently competed in the first annual "Midd Alumni Araphahoe Tennis Club Mixed Doubles Get Together"

(see photo). ■ **Kristen Gould Case** enjoys life in Park City, UT, as mother to Caleb (2) and as freelance writer, marketing and publicity consultant, and special events coordinator. When working on the grand opening of the Olympic speed skating oval, she met past Olympic speed skaters Bonnie Blair and Dan Jansen. ♦ **PHOTO CAPTION:** We apologize to Urs and **Alexis Gibson Minder** for omitting their wedding photo in the fall issue. They are in this issue with **Chris Chandler-Baker, Jennifer McConnell, Kathy Meek Lehner, Adam Baker, Jody Murray Beck, Pam Smarling Craigie, and Lisa Giuffra Diaz**, following their marriage on October 15, 1994.



Lynne Stuart and Peter Lamson '85 (see 1985 column)



Alexis Gibson '84 and Urs Minder (see 1984 column)

Best Buddies

Caroline Woodhouse Buchta '84 and Abigail Wilson Julien '84 were first-year roommates and after careers in elementary education and journalism, respectively, they're both currently "working at home as full-time mothers!"

1985

Class Secretaries: *Toni Mauck Butterfield*, 40 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105; and *Phil LeTourneau*, 5903 Tokay, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87107.

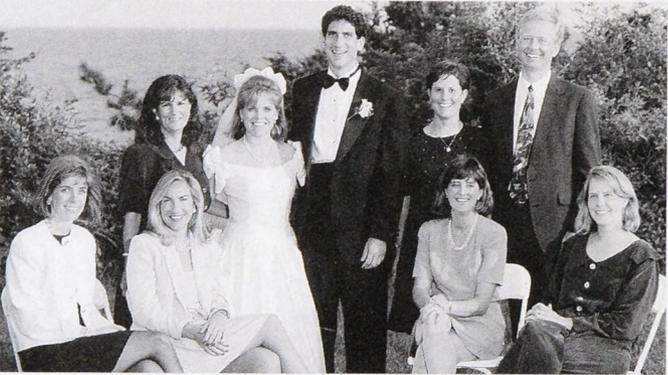
Daxing Zhang covered Super Bowl XXX in Chinese for ESPN International. The game was beamed live from Tempe, AZ, to China and Taiwan. He is happy to report that U.S. Immigration granted him the right to stay in the U.S. early this year. ■ News items from Seattle: **Jane Harvey** and **Charlie Curtis** are busy working on their house; **Heather** and **Dave Kelly-**



Jean Flemma '85 and John Epifanio (see 1985 column)



Pamela Rotelle and Tom Robertson '86 (see 1986 column)



Krissy McMahon '87 and David Yanofsky (see 1987 column)



Lydia Faesy and Charles Wanzer '85 (see 1985 column)

Hedrick are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Margot Ann, on July 20, 1995; and **Bill Spurr** and **Leslie Hazlewood-Spurr** welcomed a new son, Charles Templeton, on June 12, 1995. Charlie joins brother Willie (2). ■ **John** and **Julie Hennessey-Niland** (U.S. Embassy The Hague, APO AE 09715) joyfully announce the birth of their son, Connor Adair, on November 11, 1995. ■ **Larry Freni** has been promoted to corporate controller at Prism Health Group, Inc. Larry was previously division controller for Vanguard Health Services, a subsidiary of Prism. ■ **Lisa Grant** and **Peter Clough** were married on October 28, 1995, in Ridgefield, CT. Peter is a consultant at Towers Perrin Reinsurance in Philadelphia. ■ **Nancy Hughes** and **Joaquin Hanson**, who were married on March 27, 1995, now own and operate the Jackson Hole Title and Escrow Co. ■ When **Cecelia Faulkner** married **John Socia**, **Jack** and **Ruth Hill '84 Klinck** and their baby were there in the mountains of VA for the occasion. The Socias live in Virginia Beach. ■ **PHOTO CAPTIONS:** Midd friends gathered in Annapolis, MD, on May 20, 1995, to help **Jean Flemma** and **John Epifanio** celebrate their marriage: **Patricia Lange Flemma '62**, **Sara Dowd Wells**, the newlyweds, **James Flemma '62**, **Jacqui Ballenger Tawaststjerna '86**, **Carol Conklin '67**, **Lee Findlay**, **Peter '63** and **Eleanor Williams Pringle '62**, **Anne Davis Peterson**, **Stephanie Markus Kandarian**, **Donald Swain '62**, **Bill Temple '62**, **Jon Peterson '86**, **Liz O'Connell Robinson**, **Mary Leahy Ward**, **Amy Kaplan Hanson**, **Sharon Creem Zerilli**, and **John White**. ■ South Woodstock, VT, was the scene of the August 5 marriage of **Lynne Stuart** (Princeton '90) and **Peter Lamson**. With them were **Greg Clancy '83**, **F.W. Nugent '84**, **Kevin Noughton**, **Peter Ulrich '83**, **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich '83**, **Susi Leahy Gummere '89**, **Bart Gummere**, **Charlie Lamson '89**, **Bill Betz**, the newlyweds, **Tom Lamson '55**, **Lyndia Smith Lamson '58**, **Sylvia Lamson Hutchinson '72**, (back row) **Jean Yeomans Lamson '62**, **Ken Edwards '83**, **Patrick O'Donoghue**, **Karen Sothorn**, **Lans Teal '86**, **Paul Bucci**, **Jake Brown '87**, **Nancy Walker Faulkner '55**, **Todd Hunter '84**, **Lisa Johnson Maxwell '83**, **Mike Maxwell '84**, **Scott Laughinghouse '83**, and **Heidi Reichenbach '82**. ■ The August 1995 marriage of **Lydia Faesy** and **Charles Wanzer** was the occasion of a great get-together for **Dave Hooper '84**; **John Wolfe '84** and **Gretchen Nelson Wolfe** and their children, **Rebecca** and **Avery Wolfe**; **Chris Duncan '84** and **Andrea Dustin '88** and their son, **Sam Swift Duncan**; **Glenn Lower '84** and **Cheryl Whitney Lower '84** and son **John Lower**; **Peter Bahls** and pal **Jude Rubin**; **Annie Faulkner** and **Bob King**; **Whitney Tabor '84** and pal **Monique**; the newlyweds; and **Jen**

Cunningham. Charlie teaches science and math at the Cabot School in VT.

1986



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Kathryn Cater**, 1087 Club Pl., Atlanta, GA 30319; **Lyle Fulkerson**, 99 Perry St., Brookline, MA 02146; and **Chris Peters**, 2821 Carlisle, #312, Dallas, TX 75204.

Best buddies for **Tracy Edwards** were **Marcia Mooney Slahetka '87** and **Noelle Bujold '87**, who are both still in the northern VA/DC suburbs. Since we garbled her favorite profs/courses in the fall issue, her great astronomy course was taught by Prof. Frank Winkler. Tracy used to babysit his stepson, **Nathan Beers**, who is now a student at CU! **Bob Osborne** was her favorite psych professor. ■ **Charlene Makely** is living in Labrangi, China, doing field research for a Ph.D. in anthropology from the Univ. of MI, Ann Arbor. After graduating in May 1997, she plans to pursue a teaching research career. ■ On July 22, 1995, **Pamela Trowbridge** married **Robert Wunder** ('85, IA State), whom she met during her doctoral studies at Penn State Univ. **Kathryn Donohue deSouza** was a bridesmaid. Pamela has a post-doctoral position at the Univ. of DE, where she is doing research. ■ **Marcia Marie Walker** married **James Christopher LaCour** on November 19, 1994. They met while attending law school at the Univ. of San Diego School of Law. ■ **Chris** and **Bettina Thompson Stern** welcomed August Thompson Stern into the world on September 18, 1995. Gus has a brother, **Finn**, who turned three this February. ■ **Ann Albern Olmsted** and husband **Jay** welcomed their second daughter, **Sophie Gray**, on September 13, 1995. ■ **Isabelle Hunnewell** and **Hans Stafford** were married on August 19, 1995. After "a LONG honeymoon in Mexico," Isabelle is "unemployed and beginning to look for work in NH." ■ **Kathleen Good** and **Robert Masinter** were married on October 28, 1995. In Cohasset, MA, for the festivities were groomsmen **John Hill** and **Bruce Genereaux**, as well as **Brad Schildt**, **Daniel Kaveny**, and **Dave Turok '89**. The newlyweds received MBAs from Dartmouth and have moved to the foothills near Denver, where Bob is now a financial analyst at the ARCO Coal Co. ■ **PHOTO CAPTION:** The marriage of **Pamela Rotelle** and **Tom Robertson** took place on August 20, 1994, in Plymouth Meeting, PA. Celebrating with them were **Greg Sipple**, **Mike Wood**, **Chris Sullivan**, **Anne**

Davis Peterson '85, **Chris Comai, Jon Peterson,** and **Hans Turitz.** Missing the picture were **Geoff** and Megan Kemp '88 **Harlan.**

1987

Class Secretaries: *John A. Castle, 95 Hays Ave., South Burlington, VT 05403; and Cameron C. McClearn, 3 Crauford St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

Lisa Papas is a weekend anchor and general assignment reporter at Channel 5 in Seattle. She arrived at Channel 5 in June 1994 from "CBC NewsWorld" in Toronto, where she anchored hourly national news updates. She has also worked in CBLCTV in Toronto and CKWS in Kingston, Ontario. According to the *Tacoma News Tribune*, Lisa likes being in Seattle where she can ski, sail, snowboard, and run. ■ **Barbara Marvin** (4530 Connecticut Ave. NW, #710, Washington, DC 20008) married Roger H. Nozaki on September 8, 1995. She writes, "I'm still teaching middle school in Bethesda, MD. I love it. I also coach the varsity cross-country team and the JV girls lacrosse team." Friends are welcome to visit them in DC. ■ **Peter Linehan** and Mari Katsumi were married on March 15, 1995, in Hirakata, Osaka Prefecture, Japan. Both are English teachers in Japan. ■ A second child, **Alexandra Grace**, joined Jonathan '86 and **Kate Gitter Cabral** in August '95. Her brother, Nicholas, is now 2 years old. ■ **Jonathan** and **Lauren O'Brien Adams** welcomed son Noah in July '95. When last heard from, she wrote, "Jonathan and I are having a great time with him and even starting to get some sleep." ■ **Charlie Groth** (11 Lincoln Ave., Lambertville, NJ 08530; grothtuft@aol.com; 609/397-3466) is finishing up course work at Penn for a Ph.D. in folklore and folklife. She and husband Dan Tuft have bought a 115-year-old home in Lambertville, NJ, and it needs work. "Would love to hear from others. (Especially, where are you, Bram?)" Her great news is that daughter Keziah Donnocker Groth-Tuft was born on June 14, 1995. Less than two weeks later, Hannah Margaret was born to Pete and **Emily Thayer Benson** in NH. Charlie also reports that **Stephanie Houtzeel** is finishing up at Juilliard and is now checking out the music scene in the Netherlands. ■ **Scott McElroy**, who works at Alliance Capital, has bought a house in Hohokus, NJ. ♦ **PHOTO CAPTION:** It was a Cape Cod wedding for **Krissy McMahon** and David Yanofsky (Dartmouth '86) on June 17, 1995. With them were Midd friends Kelley Shea '80, **Allison Beckwith Melson,** **John Melson,** **Dorrie Paynter,** **Jo Monell,** **Marty Ulrich,** and **Cathy Dunn.** The newlyweds now live in Exeter, NH, and Krissy is teaching

paralegal studies at two NH colleges. ■ Following the marriage of **Marty Ulrich** and Lee Dayton (Northwestern '87) in October 1994, the bride was photographed with Midd friends **Scott McElroy,** Siobhan Leahy Ulrich '83, Bill Whelan '79, Peter Ulrich '83, Mark Atwood '88, **Krissy McMahon Yanofsky,** **Dan Treiber,** Kim Ulrich Whelan '79, Doug Coffin '70, **Allison Beckwith Melson,** and **John Melson.** A 1994 graduate of the Stanford Business School, Marty is an associate product manager at Nabisco. The newlyweds live in Summit, NJ.

1988

Class Secretaries: *Liana Discepolo Caffrey, 15 Wollaston Ave., #1, Arlington, MA 02174; and Claire Guatkin, 3901 Cathedral Ave. N.W., #512, Washington, DC 20016.*

Congratulations to new parents in our class! ■ **John** and **Suzanne Tayer Montgomery** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, William Samuel Maxwell Montgomery, otherwise known as Max. ■ **Scott** and **Julianne Faxon Seymour**, welcomed son Ryan on February 18, 1996. ■ Elizabeth Zogby (EZogby@center.colgate.edu) was moving to Ithaca in March to start a new job as associate director of the Cornell Law School Annual Fund. ♦ **PHOTO CAPTION:** Middlebury friends celebrated with **Leanne Taliaferro** and **Tom Battelle**, when they were married on September 30, 1995, in Chatham, MA: **Chris Hiland** '89, **Claire Battelle** '94, **Rob Macleod,** **Torey Battelle** '85, **Peter Ahl** '87, **Jean Emrich Battelle** '60, **Thom Hurd,** **Stephanie Jones Ahl,** **Ann Battelle** '89, **Stuart Witt,** **Lindy Kazvinsky,** **Bob Kazvinsky,** and **Peter Battelle** '60. ■ Gathering in Duxbury, MA, for the August 26, 1995, marriage of **Christina Carter** and **Robert Mann** were **Evan Flinn** '87, **Chip Wadsworth,** the newlyweds, **Chris Summersgill,** **Amy Young** '89, and **Alexandra Baker.** Robert (Trinity '86, MBA Tuck '92) is a VP at Salomon Brothers. Christina is finishing a landscape design program at the New York Botanical Garden, while working for a public garden designer in NYC.

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7325 47th Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea, 51 Gilbert Rd., Belmont, MA 02178.*

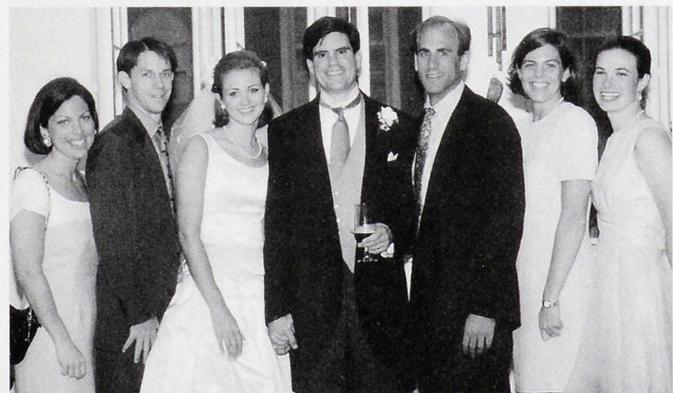
David Marshack reports that since marrying Robin in June 1990, he has moved to Australia and has become a father. **Alexandra Quinn** "Sasha" Marshack was born April 3, 1995. Of



Marty Ulrich '87 and Lee Dayton (see 1987 column)



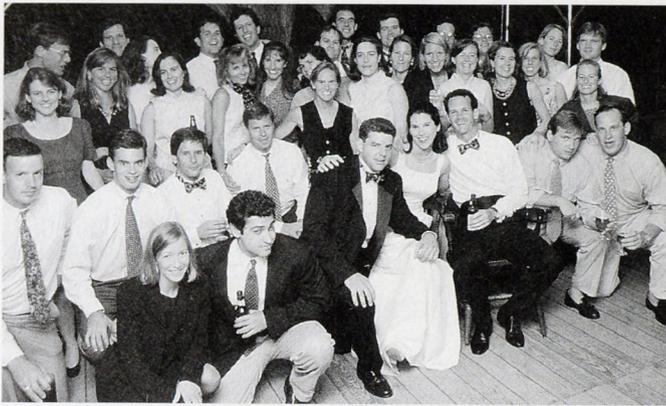
Leanne Taliaferro and Tom Battelle '88 (see 1988 column)



Christina Carter '88 and Robert Mann (see 1988 column)



Shonda Roberts '89 and Todd Rogers (see 1989 column)



Kathleen Brigham '89 and Jeffrey Ueberuaga '88 (see 1989 column)



Colleen Quinn '90 and John Amster '90 (see 1990 column)



Katie Edwards '90 and Paul Needham '90 (see 1990 column)



Kathryn Dubzinski '90 and Peter McDonald (see 1990 column)

best buddies at Midd, he mentions **Jim Morrissey III**, Robin Poluhowich '88, **Jeff Potter**, and **Howard Fauntroy III**. ■ **Michael Choi** (beansie@fly.net) is a freelance graphic designer in New York City. He is also general manager of a computer training center. Check out his band "Laughing Out Loud" when they perform around the city. ■ **Ann Battelle** finished fourth in World Cup moguls in January, bringing in the top U.S. result with 23.52 points. Ann's comment after coming in behind skiers from Finland, Germany, and France: "Each week it's just a little mistake, a little error. I know what I have to do; I just have to do it." ■ **Jennifer Latchford** married Blake Perkins on September 9, 1995. She writes, "We were married in southern VT and honeymooned in the Sonoma Valley and Carmel-Monterey area." ■ **Alvin Augustus Swenson V** joined Kelly and **Chip Swenson** on September 6, 1995. ■ **Violaine** and **Kristofer Herlitz** proudly announce the birth of son **Tristan Locksley Herlitz** on November 26, 1995. ■ **Zachary Merryman** Conner joined **Laura** and **Philip Conner** on February 9, 1996. ♦ **PHOTO CAPTIONS: Kathleen Brigham** and **Jeffrey Ueberuaga '88** were married on June 17, 1995. A huge Midd group attended, including **Chris Brigham '85** (Kathleen's brother) and **Jackie Brown-Hennessey** (Jeff's cousin). The newlyweds are living in NYC, where Kathleen is a grad student at Columbia Teachers College and Jeff is a bond trader at Merrill Lynch. ■ Gathering on October 8, 1995, for the marriage of **Shonda Roberts** and **Todd Rogers** (Marshall Univ. and Culinary Inst. of America) were **Maura Phelan**, **Effie Wister**, **Steve Roberts '83**, and **Margaret Beeman**.

1990

Class Secretaries: **Mary Stechsulte**, 308 W. 12th St., #2, Lawrence, KS 66044; and **Paul E. Needham**, 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.

Bill Krolicki, a May graduate of Wharton's Lauder program, with an M.B.A. and an M.A. in international studies (Chinese focus), is heading to Hong Kong to work for Booz Allen & Hamilton. He sends news from **Andrew Marble**, who is pursuing his Ph.D. in political science at Brown; **Denny Taylor**, designing the layout for the new magazine, *Time Out New York*; **Patrick Mercanton**, in Paris working on Levi's Dockers campaign; **Megan Tracy**, getting a dual degree in museum studies and anthropology at Syracuse (she wants to go back to Mongolia to do her fieldwork); and **Eric Winick**, who co-founded a NYC theatre company, Particle Wave, in January '95. The first full production in November was a play called *Nat*

Bernstein, written by Eric. ■ **Greg Naughton** and his father, James, appeared in the Blue Light Theater Co. production of Clifford Odets's *Golden Boy*, directed by Joanne Woodward. Greg is one of the founders of the company. ■ Out in Sun Valley, CA, producer's associate **Edmond Kavounas** is helping to produce two television series for Warner Brothers and ABC. "Babylon 5" can be seen on Fox. ■ **Lory Myerson** is completing her M.B.A. at Columbia Business School this May. ■ **Rachel Schofer**, who acquired her master's in international affairs from Yale in May '94, is working in New Haven. ■ **Mark Giancola** is studying in China as part of his master's program at Johns Hopkins. ■ In Waltham, MA, **Heidi Bruckner Fliegau** is working in alumni and development affairs at Chapel Hill/Chauncy Hall School, where she is also a house parent in a girls' dorm. ■ **Rich** and **Beth Lasell '91 Compson** moved to Chicago last July. Rich works for Deloitte and Touche. ■ After working for Coopers and Lybrand in Luxembourg for more than a year, **Marc Adelberger** returned to the Boston office in April '96. He traveled around Europe with **Heidi Ripley '91**. ■ **Jamie Ranicar** is a market analyst and trader for Paul Revere Investment Management in Worcester, MA. ■ **Christina Conklin** is selling horticulture books for Timber Press. She was married last June to **Richard McCluney**, an Englishman she met while on her Watson Fellowship. Christina sends news of three best buddies from Midd: **Suzanne Zbaley**, in the DC area, was hoping to start an M.F.A. in AK; **Jennifer Rothschild-Shea** is a mother and teacher in training; and **Mary McKelvey** is teaching Russian ESL in Minneapolis. ■ In the six years since leaving Midd, **Kathleen Murphy O'Shea** (Kurphee@aol.com) and her best buddies, known as "the Circuit DB," have "been in each other's weddings, served as godparents for the two children in the group, and continue chatting on the phone. Nothing goes on without everyone knowing about it and having a hand in it." The Circuit DB group includes **Kathleen**, **Jane Goldstein**, **Karen Griffith**, **Nancy Connor Marshall**, **Jennifer Van Noy**, **Nancy Frost Bland**, **Ellen LeMaitre Pomeroy**, **Heather Jaynes Harper**, **Kathy Dubzinski McDonald**, and **Lindsey King Pitts**. ■ **Paul Gould** is married and living in Brussels. ■ **Laura Nelson** married Dr. Edward H. Charles on December 17, 1994. ■ **Catherine Grisdale** and **Percy Wang** were married in January 14, 1995. Catherine is in grad school at Northwestern Univ., while also helping out at the new cafe, the Interactive Bean, which her husband and a partner recently opened in Chicago. ■ **Matt** and **Beth Ware Conway** have a daughter, **Madeline**, born in June '95, and a son, **Chad (6)**. They recently bought a house

in Duxbury, MA. ❖ **PHOTO CAPTIONS:** The gathering in Boca Raton, FL, for the September 2, 1995, marriage of **Colleen Quinn** and **John Amster**, included (front row) **Michael Chorske, William Patty, Ted Smith, Tom Louderback, Scott Jensen, Michael McGuire, Don McLucas, Andrew Snow**, (middle row) **Matt Burnham, Tifney Stewart, Gretchen Eisele, Whitney Todd, Eliot Hight, Jane Goldstein**, the newlyweds, **Gavin Johnston '91, Kelly Macalusco, John McCulloch, Amy Thrall, Ellen Lemaitre Pomeroy, Karen Griffith**, (back row) **Henly Webb, Phelps Wood, Fanning Hearon, Trevor Crist '93, Leo Quinn '94, Brendan Quinn, William Wolcott, and Steve Marshall '89**. ■ **Kathryn Dubzinski** and **Peter John McDonald** were married on August 19, 1995. Celebrating with them were **Tim O'Shea '89, Kathleen Murphy O'Shea, Nancy Frost Bland**, the newlyweds, **Heather Jaynes Harper, Mitch Harper, Steven Dubzinski '92, Carrie Harasimowicz '92, Ellen LeMaitre Pomeroy, Karen Griffith, John Spellane**, and **Michael Dubzinski '88**. ■ The September 30, 1995, marriage of **Katie Edwards** and **Paul Needham** took place in Hingham, MA; they were surrounded by **Steve Fossel, Bob Coughlin '89, Jason Merrill, Marc Adelberger, Jamie Ranicar, Andy Novak, Rich Compton**, (back row) **Karen Strong Fossel, Diane Needham '95, Hei-Won Lee Merrill '90, Beth Cronin, Lisa Makuku**, the newlyweds, **Deb Groves Ranicar, Maura Joyce, Heidi Bruckner Fliegau, Lisa Eder, Meredith Neider '91, Beth Lasell Compton '91**, and **Therese Oliff '91**. ■ The August 26, 1995, marriage of **Michele Thorp** and **David Raphael** took place in Radnor, PA. **Sue Menzel, Barb Menzel, and Robin Schuerhoff** were bridesmaids. David is an environmental lawyer.

1991



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Karmali Bhanji, Concord Academy, Office of College Advising, 166 Main St., Concord, MA 01742; Brian Bank, 8 Country Club Rd., #18, Ithaca, NY 14850; and Sara Bremner, 225 E. 95th St., #21G, New York, NY 10128.**

Joshua and Maarit Berman Clay are living in Corning, NY, with their son, **Casper Alexander**, born April 12, 1995. Joshua graduated from the Univ. of PA Veterinary School last May and Maarit is working on a Ph.D. in English at

Temple Univ. ■ **Paul Testa** (PaulT17827@aol.com) graduated from Boston College Law School in June. After a brief stint at a corporate law firm in NYC, he's returning to Boston as an associate with a litigation law firm there. ■ **Anthony Tedesco** has relocated to NYC to finish his second book and continue publishing *Crisp* (<http://www.crispzine.com>) which was recently awarded *Virtual City* magazine's top 6 magazines on the Internet. See his account of his tough stint in Hawaii on page 54. ■ **Grace Garcia Lessing** is doing her internship in internal medicine at SUNY at Stony Brook. Her ophthalmology residency at St. Vincent's in NYC begins in July. She is also the proud parent of an adorable springer spaniel named **Shelby**. ■ **Sarah White** and **Stefan Bournakel** spent the summer in Thailand, India, and Indonesia. Sarah is getting her MIA and MBA from Columbia; Stefan is in his final year of optometry school. While in Thailand, they got together with **Cassie Robbins, Shawn Miller, and James Rondeau**. ■ **Dennis Schaecher** has released his first nationally distributed CD, *The Road to Reunion* (see profile in the winter issue, page 65). He reports that **Mark Ely** is a product manager for audio manufacturer **Sonic-Solutions**. ■ **Eileen Walsh Hopper** is enjoying her first year of vet school at UC Davis. She and **Robert Hopper** were married December 31, 1994. ■ **Tracey Ann Monteferrano** married **Mark Rubenstein** on November 4, 1995. They are living in New Orleans. ❖ **PHOTO CAPTIONS:** The Harvard Club in Boston formed the backdrop for the November 11, 1995, marriage of **Jennifer Paris** and **Todd Capute**. Celebrating with them were **Matt Disco**, the newlyweds, **Sue Resnicoff, Melissa Menta**, (standing) **Margie Tyndall, Bill Tobin, Stephen Fedele, John Thomas, Jeff Collins, Doug Lindgren, Judy Levenson, Corey Davis, Debra Karr, Robin Waites, Louise Totten**, and **Josh Paris '85**. ■ The marriage of **Joan Dalbey** and **David Donahue** was the occasion of a get-together last year on top of the mountain at Winter Park, CO, for **Hillary Stone Sollinger, Karen Griffith '90, Meg Regan '94, Kirsten Morbeck '94**, the newlyweds, **Mimi Dalbey Tabah '83, Marc Tabah '84, Ellen LeMaitre Pomeroy '90, Skip Wiemeyer, Nancy Frost Bland '90, Mike Bolger, Devin O'Neill, Brad McKee, Peter Benedict, Tom Humphreys, Bill Fuhs '92, John Burrell, Pete Steimle '92, Bob Hinkle, Amy Lilly Truchon '92, Sarah White, Cassie Robbins, Paul Testa, Lana Fuller, Nancy Weekes '92, Matt Thompson '92, Pat Berry, Brent Truchon '92, Kimmy Griffith '93, Sean Fitzsimmons, Kevin McCarthy, Andy Smith, Peter Roby '67, Bill Heslam '92, Jeff Smith, and Bart Johnson** ■ **Kara Oliver '90** and



Michele Thorp '90 and David Raphael (see 1990 column)



Christina Bethke '92 and Bill Rodgers '92 (see 1992 column)



Jennifer Paris '91 and Todd Capute '91 (see 1991 column)



Joan Dalbey '91 and David Donahue '91 (see 1991 column)



Megan Richardson '92 and Patrick Durkin (see 1992 column)



Sarah Chick '92 and Geoffrey Kuli '93 (see 1992 column)



Lynn Alvarez and George Doupsas '93 (see 1993 column)



Kara Oliver '90 and Taylor Hubbard '91 (see 1991 column)

Taylor Hubbard were married on July 22, 1995, at the Round Barn Farm Inn in Waitsfield, VT. Shedding formal attire in response to the summer heat were Ted Smith '90, Karin von Estorff Sullivan '89, Elia Popovich, the newlyweds, Lili Dyer '89, Lowrey Sullivan '90, Cristina Salas-Porras, Loring Knoblauch, Eliza Harding, Allison Ross, and Patrick Briggs '92. Tony Cardoza missed the photo.

1992

Class Secretaries: Leslie L. Cone, 17 Seminary St., #5, Middlebury, VT 05753 (lccone@middlebury.edu); and Viraj M. Mirani (vmirani@gwis2.gwu.edu), 538 N. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22201.

Heather Wilson is the proud owner of a new kidney! She had the transplant December 22 at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Visitors, who came from far and near to wish her good luck with her latest acquisition, included John Swanson, in town for a residency interview, and Hugh Marlow '57, perpetually on the road for alumni events. Well wishes may be sent to her at 6601 Hillandale Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Congratulations, Heather! ■ A graduate of GW Law School, Susan Liu works for a district court in VA. ■ Joining the exodus from DC, Mike Benjamin is working for an environmental consulting company in Boston. ■ Also leaving DC, Stefanie Hirsh convinced the Discovery Channel to transfer her to NYC. ■ Stef's departure takes away a familiar face at Discovery for Eileen Marvin Hosbein, who works there and plans to stay in DC. ■ Teaching Spanish outside of Boston, Cynthia Brown spends as much time as possible riding horses. ■ Kelsey Richards left banking and now studies furniture arts in NYC. ■ When not wasting time working, J.J. Gilmartin has taken up skiing into trees. ■ Also skiing "once in a while" are Jason "extreme skiing" McGowin, Ted Kyle, Brian Schilling, and Anthony Rojo, who are all living together in Jackson Hole. ■ Marian Darrell spent the winter in Jackson, but moved back to NYC this spring. ■ Heather Pederson is studying child psychology at the Univ. of Denver. ■ Returned from chateau-living in France, Kevin Tyldesley spent a few months visiting East Coast cities, in search of a good *pain au chocolat*. ■ Josh Halberg '91 and Patty Bliss have been happily married for three years now and are living in Chugiak, AK, with their Samoyeds, Alobar and Sundance. Their e-mail address is 75143.333@compuserve.com. Their good friend Corey Chase was last reported to be in Seattle. ■ Sara Garcia (c/o *The Slovak Spectator*, Kriskova 9, 81104 Bratislava, Slovakia) has moved back to Bratislava to work for the *Slovak Spectator*, the first English newspa-

per in Slovakia. ■ You should have received the Class of 1992 newsletter—let us know what you think about the new format! ■ **PHOTO CAPTIONS:** There were 50 alums at Mead Chapel on August 26, 1995, for the marriage of Christina Bethke and Bill Rodgers, including Steve Cox, Bill Bethke '69, Robert Bethke '67, Brian Good, Emily Beasley Williams, Lawrence DeVoe '89, Marlena Faxon, Bryan Thomas '91, Patty Garffer, Matt Johnson, Gretchen Gaudes Johnson, David Freeland, Fred Lawrence, Jon Hanlon '93, Mike Summersgill, Todd Kafka, Ray Strong '91, Steve Fedele '91, Ed Martin '56, Peter Bethke '89, Barbara McHugh van Drimmelen '68, Steve Quinn '91, Dan Surat '93, Todd Gregory '95, Duncan Evans '91, JJ Gilmartin, Tom McCraw, Christine Waasdorp '94, Sarah Stokes '93, Eric Batchelder '93, Brian Bank '91, Steve Rodgers '76, Stephanie Gottlieb '93, Charles Williams '93, David Whiting, Sandy Paige, Laura Cohen, Jason Cort '93, Dudley Winthrop '94, Miles Canfield, Christine Roberts Wennik, Luke Wennik '93, Christopher Drury '94, Kathy Dougan '93, Chris Delorie '94, Vanessa Christenberry '95, Erin Hill '93, and Aaron Reid '96. ■ The July 1, 1995, marriage of Sarah Chick and Geoff Kuli '93 in Concord, MA, brought together Jordana Shaw, Denise Getty Symes, Christine Bastianelli, Jen Kuli '96, Sarah Gordon, Kathy Kaess '94, Trystan Phifer '95, Paul Bavier '94, Greg Boosin '94, Josh Kucker '94, Mark Feldman '94, Jeff Herriott '94, Sandy Durst '94, Jeff Collins '91, Brendan O'Leary '94, Gavin Symes, and Jon Young. Sarah and Geoff both teach in Austin, TX. ■ In Waylands, MA, the August 19, 1995, marriage of Megan Richardson and Patrick Durkin ('92 Colby) was celebrated by three generations of Midd alumni, and by many Midd friends, including Angus Brooks '36 (grandfather of the bride), Lisa Christoffersen, Susanna Richardson '95 (sister of the bride), the newlyweds, Sara Weale, Elizabeth Bell, Nancy Brooks Richardson '68 (mother of the bride), (back row) Alan Lippert '99, David Lippert '93, Marlena Faxon, Steven Cox, Alicia Mathewson, Tracy Purinton '93, Barbara Shean Lippert '68, Dick Lippert '66, and David Richardson '66 (father of the bride). ■ The marriage of Kristin Brown (CU '94) and Keith Wilson happened in Steamboat Springs, CO, on July 8, 1995. With them were Rick Morris '68, Phelps Morris '95, Mike Rex, the newlyweds, Terry Wise, and Heidi Spear '91. Not pictured were Rob Luce, Alec Perkins '96, and Charlie Watson. The newlyweds live in Denver. ■ Lori Racha and Damon Silverman, who met as first years at Midd, are now med students at Harvard and UC-Davis respectively. This year, Lori is doing sports physiol-

ogy research at UC-Davis while Damon is doing his third year rotations. Next year, they'll both be applying for residency, and they're hoping to end up in the same city this time!

1993

Class Secretaries: **Anne C. Harris** (anneh@ccit.arizona.edu), 6001 E. Pima St., #87, Tucson, AZ 85712; and **Dan Suratt**, 122 Bond St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Laurie Hutchins and **Liz Craig '94** are participating in the CA AIDS Ride June 2-8, 1996. All proceeds from the 530-mile ride (San Francisco to L.A.) will benefit the SF AIDS Foundation. They invite support at 415/387-4181 or write 742 Arguello Blvd., SF, CA 94118. ■ After teaching theatre at Andover (1994-95), **Christian Parker** moved to NYC to begin an M.F.A. degree in dramaturgy at the Theatre Division at Columbia Univ. School of the Arts. Christian sends news of some best buddies at Midd: **Julie Troy** is working on an M.A. in organizational psychology at Columbia Teacher's College; **Alex Massard** is at Andersen Consulting in New York; **Carl Forsman** is getting an M.F.A. in directing at the Univ. of MN; and **Jeff Olsen** lives on his sailboat in Sausalito, CA. ■ Law students at Middlebury Midwest, a.k.a. the Univ. of Chicago, are **Colin Breeze**, **Michael Matheson**, **Todd Molz '94**, **Kevin Marshall '94**, **Dan Kahan '86**, and **Martin Arms '95**. **Ben Curtis '94** and **Dan Northrop '90** are studying political science there. ■ **Robert Hock** recently traveled to the Honduras for business. He also helped organize a fund-raiser for his local chapter of Action AIDS.

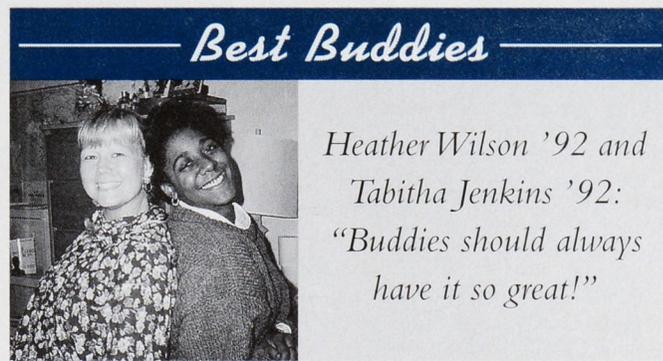


Kristin Brown and Keith Wilson '92 (see 1992 column)



Sarah White '91 and Stefan Bournakel '91 spent the summer in Thailand, India, and Indonesia. Sarah is getting her MIA and MBA from Columbia; Stefan is in his final year of optometry school.

Robert remembers that some of his best Middlebury buddies were **Karin Seminack**, **Denise Semiglia**, and **Chris Piehler**. ■ **Olga Jackson** is happily married and living in MD. She is working for Charles Schwab as a stockbroker—as her friends know, all too well. ■ In May 1995, **Sally Murphy** (smurphy@IDEA.uml.edu) received her MAT in Latin and classical humanities from UMass/Amherst. She's now teaching Latin to 7th-12th grade girls at the Windsor School in Boston. ■ In Durham, NC, **Marianne Odfjell Burfeind** is working on her master's in social work. ■ **Holly Cookis** recently completed a stint in OH working in the field of recycling. ■ In DC, **Nancy Logan** is working for American Agribusiness Equipment, a firm that exports agricultural and food processing equipment to the former Soviet Union. ■ **Erin Kahn** and **Paul B. Withstandley III** were married on September 2, 1995. ■ **Leigh Ann Wolfe** recently returned from a remarkable stay in Germany. Now she's considering leaving Santa Barbara to seek work in WA state. ■ In Hong Kong, **Cecilia Leung** (cleung@hk.super.net) has been working with the *Asian Wall Street Journal* for almost three years, but she was moving to NTC at the end of March to oversee circulation of the *Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly*. "I keep in close contact through e-mail with **Amy Fox**, who's now in Tampa doing graduate studies, and **Jodie Lachowitz** in DC. ■ **Amy Heebner** and husband **Patrick Holloway '91** have bought a house in Albany, NY, where she is employed by the NY State Education Dept., while working on a master's in library science. ■ **Steve Prescott** has been working as a software engineer in Cambridge, MA, while pursuing an M.A. in computer science at BU. ■ **Wendy Rivenburgh** is also still in the Boston area, having an enviable experience in educational work. ■ **Laura LeClair** is working in Montessori education as part of her degree program at UNC-Greensboro. Although she calls her locality a "sociocultural black hole," Laura gets a kick out of her "adorable children." She greatly enjoys Curry—not the spice, but her new dog, a beagle-bloodhound mix. ■ While concluding his third year at Stanford Med School, **Stephen Wallace** has put immense effort into supporting children with leukemia. He has also worked with the illustrious local heroes, the 49ers, since he is studying orthopedic surgery under the team surgeon. Stephen remembers best buddies **Chris Alessi**, **Jon Schonecker '96**, **Hieu Nguyen '92**, and **Brad Jepson**. ■ **Anne Harris** had a guilt-inspiring winter in Tucson, where February record highs included an 82-degree day. She gets a kick out of teaching freshmen, junior, and senior English, plus journalism, in a place where scorpions are considered house pets and parkas are worn when it hits 50 degrees. Please send updates to the above



Heather Wilson '92 and Tabitha Jenkins '92: "Buddies should always have it so great!"

e-mail address or by old-fashioned post. ■ **PHOTO CAPTION:** Sunny San Diego was the scene of the July 22, 1995, marriage of **Lynn Alvarez** and **George Doupsas**. With them were **Chris Bicknell '91**, **Soo Kang**, **Seth Hopkins '92**, **Prof. J. Dewey Daane** and wife **Barbara**, **Andrew Romans '92**, and **John Doty**. Missing the photo: **Angie Zhong '94**.

1994

Class Secretaries: **Kristen Roeder**, 1139 N. Utah St., Arlington, VA 22201 (RoederK@advisory.com); and **Scott Godes**, 1041 N. Taft St., #215, Arlington, VA 22201 (Godes@aol.com).

Amy Hansen, **Kate Webber**, **Kadie Falso**, **Naomi Moskowitz**, and **Kirsten (Smirky) Morbeck** had a reunion in Middlebury last October and found it was "just like old times." Amy (ahansen@doctork.sph.emory.edu) is getting her master's in public health at Emory Univ. in Atlanta, Kate is coaching alpine skiing at Killington, Kadie works for Wediko Children's Services in NH, Naomi (nmoskowitz@midway.uchicago.edu) works at Univ. of Chicago Medical School with Eric Stern (who will be attending medical school next year), and Smirky works for Lehman Brothers in San Francisco. ■ As hallmates in the fall of 1991, **Johanna Chapin**, now a paralegal at King & Spalding in DC, and **Jennifer Waaler** earned the nickname "J-squared." Their friendship continued through summer '95 when they shared a studio apartment in DC, and "still flourishes thanks to AT&T and America Online." ■ **Brian Schaefer** has left Atlanta to seek work with a group of lawyers in DC. ■ **Liz Leyden's** byline has been gracing the *Washington Post's* Style section on Saturdays. Also in DC are **Dana Maisel**, **Jean Hudson**, **Jason Pelletier**, **Dudley Winthrop**, **Christine Waasdorp**, **Paul Bavier**, **Delbert Chew**, **Ben Barrett**, **Dana Palmer**, **Shefali Parekh**, **Kelly Cole**, **Monte Burke**, **Eric Bachman**, **Amy McKee**, **Amy Copley**, and **Ty Stuelp**. **Kitty Loos** is working for Common Cause, **Jim Oleske** is at Georgetown Law, **Rebecca Eisele** (pollstr@aol.com)

is working for a Democratic polling firm, and **K.T. Briscoe** works for Senator Sarbanes while living with **Rebecca Eisele** and **Virginia Martin**, who is working for a lobbyist. ■ **Kristen Roeder** is the proud owner of a spiffy new Saturn. ■ **Kelly Kryc** is working on a master's in geologic oceanography at the Univ. of RI's Graduate School of Oceanography. ■ **Laura Eckert** (leckert@vermontlaw.edu) is still slaving away at VT Law, refreshed only by occasional visits with **Matt Thomas** (skibum@dartmouth.edu) at Dartmouth Med School. ■ **John Anderson** and **Critter Thompson** are working on a farm in Blue Hill, ME. ■ In Boston, **Nancy Hastings** is doing GIS, **Alison Vreeland** is working for the MA bar, **Liz Weems** is working for a PR firm, and **Anna Weinstein** is a paralegal. ■ **Liz Bales** is a member of the class of 2000 at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Univ. of PA. She looks forward to being involved with the Middlebury community in Philadelphia. ■ Living in Greenwich, CT, **Laura Cowperthwait** is looking for a banking job in NYC. ■ **Mary Strife** is teaching in NYC. ■ **Schdell Marquez** works for James D. Wolfensohn Investment Firm in Manhattan. ■ **George Elsener** is in Chicago, as is **Kristi Matthews**. ■ **Yana Minnis** (ednyana@eworld.com) and **Edward Beranek** were married on September 23, 1995, in Lincoln, NE, where they now live. ■ **Tom LaMotte** (yawmark@aol.com) is studying physical therapy at Cleveland State. ■ **Allison O'Hare** (aohare@bgnet.bgsu.edu) is at Bowling Green State Univ. in OH, pursuing a master's in higher education administration and student affairs. She received numerous phone calls about the earlier report that she was pursuing a career in livery science. ■ **Monica Gibbons** (Giroux567@aol.com) is a paralegal in Atlanta. ■ **Sarah Hannigan** was hoping to settle in Santa Fe, NM, where **Whitney Bacon** has been "doing a lot of nothing," and **Dick Cameron** is working for the Forest Conservation Council. ■ **Allan Rindfuss** filed for U.S. Congress in TX's 23rd district, one of the country's largest and poorest. **Bill Berlino '95** runs the show at campaign headquarters in San Antonio. They would welcome any support or words of encour-

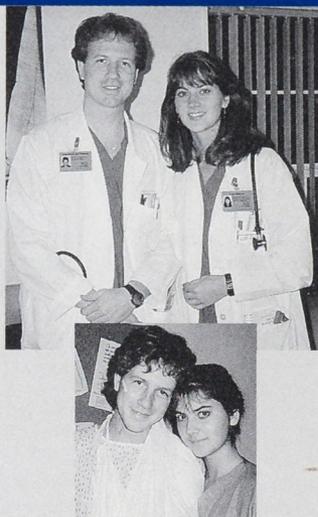
agement at 210/824-5107 (e-mail skooofus@txdirect.net). ■ In Jackson Hole, WY, **Porter Fox** is writing for a newspaper, **Jeremy Hertzog** is working at a biology field station, **Aaron Ambuske** has found true love, and **George Putnam** is living the good life. ■ **Chris Marshall** is getting a master's somewhere in CA. ■ **John Barrett** (JuanBravo@aol.com) is living it up in Newport Beach and holding down the fort at Corporate Taco Bell. ■ Living in Berkeley, **Darsie White** is planning a party with John Swanson '92 this spring. ■ Others in the Bay Area are **Sarah Johnson**, **Jen St. Clair**, **Matt Waddell**, **Pixie Spencer**, and **Chris Willcox**. ■ **Christina Jaeger** (1st floor flat, 146 Elgin Ave., London W9 2NT; phone 0171-286-4399) finished her master's and is working in television and film production. She had a Midd New Year's get-together in VT with **Kebby Ball**, **Alex Mackintosh**, **Kim Healey**, **Trista Voss**, **Matt Evans**, and **Joel Thompson**. ■ **Martha Rhode** (martha@iohk.com) is customer service coordinator for Learning International, a corporate training company in Hong Kong. For the lowdown, check out her article in *Cosmopolitan's* "Life after College" special issue (page 67). In Hong Kong, she frequently sees **Mei Chun**, (who works for J.P. Mor-

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western ridge, providing ample study and gathering space for our students, and anticipating additional and proximate residential space, Bicentennial Hall, with its observatory dominating the horizon even as the College's first observatory in the cupola of Old Chapel stood above its surroundings, will attest to the continuity of our College and its aspirations over the centuries.

Though primarily a science building, this new facility will be a gathering place for students and faculty from across the campus. In its setting, it will offer the surest testimony to our determination to be true to our past and mindful of our future. And it will remind us that, no matter what our size or makeup, we are a singular community committed to excellence in all we undertake. ■

Best Buddies



Lori Rach '92 and Damon Silverman '92, best buddies since their first year at Midd, are now medical students at Harvard and UC-Davis, respectively.

gan), **Anne Seator** (Asian Express), **Tynlee Roberts** (Marriott Hotel), **Eric Ikauniks** (Prudential), and **John Foster** (sweetie@intercon.net), who's at PacRim Consulting. ■ **Booth Hodde** is in the Peace Corps in Slovakia. ■ **Mike Thompson** is working in his second year in Puerto Rico. ■ Last November, **Brian DeChristopher** (dechristopher.b@adlittle.com) vacationed in Italy, running into "a real knockout" old friend. ■ **Patty Russell** and **Bryan Wockley** have completed internships at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria. Patty was considering a move to DC. ■ **Heather Thomas** (stephew@aol.com) is surviving med school in Grenada. ■ Congratulations to **Sarah Stewart** for getting a Fulbright grant to study and conduct field surveys in ecotourism in Venezuela. Sarah is a graduate student in the Institute for Latin American Studies at the Univ. of TX, Austin.

1995

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In Venezuela, **Eric Odell** is a research assistant on a project examining fresh water tropical fish interactions. Reporting on best buddies at Midd, he remem-

bers Turner house compatriates **Erik Sparling**, **Dave Zappulla**, **Caroline Bonny**, **Trisha Elliott**, **Greg Hanscom**, **Riikka Pakkalla**, and **Jesse Cunningham '94**. ■ In NYC, **Nick Toren** is in an Off-Broadway production of *Scenes from an Execution* this spring; **Katherine Berry** is also carving out a niche in the theatre world; **Aidan Sullivan** is in an upcoming Citibank commercial; **Jeff Arkin** is at Simon and Schuster publishers; **Liz Siris** is taking graduate courses in elementary education; **Steve Pozatek** is an investment banking analyst with Merrill Lynch; **Gloria Ehrenberg** has a publishing job; **Alyssa Bono** is working at Tiffany's; and **Alex Cobb** works for J.P. Morgan. ■ In Boston, **Nicole Kassissieh** works for a teacher placement service, while living with **Susanna Richardson**; **Dave Zappulla** is working in a bio lab; **Meghan Kilroy** is a financial planning assistant; **Tori Von Hessert** works in a law firm; and **Andy Gardner** is at New England Biolabs. ■ **Matt Hamilton**, **Wendy Russell**, **Patty Zagami**, and **Martha Mullane** were in the Middlebury RHA group this year. ■ **Nikki Mathews** teaches 12th-grade English and dance at Brewster Academy in NH. ■ Based in Gilford, NH, **Jud Bartlett** (Amwind@aol.com) travels, writes, edits, and windsurfs for *American Windsurfer* magazine. ■ Completing his first year of medical school at the Univ. of Buffalo, **Dan Perregaux** (DPerrega@ubmed.buffalo.edu) is doing clinical research in diabetes this

summer. ■ In DC, **Marc Bruckner** is attending grad school for Latin American studies at George Washington. ■ **Cynthia Bass** is in the graduate history program at Rutgers Univ. ■ **Mark Schade** (psmeeschade@widener.edu) is at Widener Graduate School for Physical Therapy, where he is "doing adult things, like separating my darks and lights when I wash and writing cheesy holiday cards." ■ **Josh Tyree** is studying theology at Trinity College, Cambridge, UK. ■ **Eamon Fahey** is managing an art museum in Milwaukee and applying to law school. ■ At Harvard, **Eileen Shaughnessy** is studying chemistry and **Anna Nolin** is pursuing her masters in education, focusing on the needs of students at risk. ■ Living in Ithaca, **Wright Frank** is studying linguistics at Cornell and selling cellular phones. ■ **Fati Khosrowshahi** is a legal assistant in Swarthmore, PA. ■ **Laurie Naumann** teaches in Stamford, CT; **Claire Calvin** teaches in DC; **Rachel Nuzzo** is a student at Vanderbilt Law School; and **Carolyn Archie** teaches middle school students French and English in AL. ■ **John Colpitts** is working at the Knitting Factory, while looking for "a place to play music and live at the same time." To acquire the new Super Hussy tape, "Transmissions," e-mail John at jw@knittingfactory.com. ■ In Boulder, CO, **Shannah Van Winkle** is doing marketing for Hewlett-Packard through Access Graphics Technologies. ■ **Jeff Fellingner** is a carpenter in MT. ■ **Jeff Albertson** writes from Seattle: "I'm developing Microsoft's World Wide Web page and playing electric bass in a band that practices in my basement. The band's name is False Hope." ■ **Becky Wendling** is an editorial assistant/publicity coordinator for Meriwether drama publishing in OR. ■ In San Francisco, **Hilary Achauer** (hachauer@harcourtbrace.com) is an assistant editor at Harcourt Brace Children's Publishing; **Sarah Carlat** is teaching; and **Lyn Lipscomb** is in charge of Geographical Information Systems at an Urban and Regional Planning Center. ■ **Trystan Phifer** and **Brendan O'Leary '94** are moving to San Diego this summer to join **Dan Haley**, who has taken a year-long sabbatical from his Ben and Jerry's DC job to become "Staff Aide to the Deputy Convention Manager for Public and Political Liaison, 1996 Republican National Convention" in San Diego. ■ An e-mail message from **Alexander (Sasha) Schmemann** in Jerusalem, Israel, informs us that he would like to hear from Midd people at his e-mail address (Schmemann/Jerusalem73400.746@compuserve.com) or phone (02)631-341. More news from Sasha will appear in the next issue. ■ Now living in Mishawaka, IN, **Melissa Wechsler** and **Mitchell Clearfield** were married on August 20, 1995. Midd friends in attendance included **David Shuman '93**, **Jon Freirich '92**, **Virginia Reel '94**,

Elizabeth Bales '94, **Julie Martin**, **Ariane Baczynski**, **Matthew Gendron**, and **Abigail Smith**.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ARABIC

Chase F. Robinson ('92, '84), who was a visiting assistant prof. at Middlebury 1992-93, is now a member of the Oxford faculty as university lecturer in Islamic history and fellow of Wolfson College.

ENGLISH

Michael Johnson (M.A. English '81) married Trina Stephenson, graduate of Vassar College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, on June 20, 1995, at their home in Monkton, VT. ■ **Joan Connor** (M.A. '84), visiting prof. of fiction writing at OH Univ., lives in Athens, OH, with son Kerry. ■ Daughter Taylor Reid joined **Kristin Galloway Kelly** (M.A. '94) and **Brian Dennis Kelly** (M.A. '94) on April 5, 1995. Daughter Catherine Emilia is 2 1/2. Brian and **Meb Brown** (M.A. '95) were in the wedding party on December 16 when **Laura Johnson** (M.A. '94) and Tony Lambert (Spanish '95) got married in Worcester, MA. Other Bread Loafers in attendance included **Bobby Rue** (M.A. '95) and **Heidi Hooker** (M.A. '94).

FRENCH

On a recent trip to Paris, **Bert Mason** (M.A. '53) "resurrected the French I learned at Middlebury's Ecole Française many long years ago. *Quelle belle langue!*" Last November Bert and his wife joined a Midd alumni group to hear Pardon Tillinghast (prof. emeritus of history) speak at Bryn Mawr. "His rapid-fire presentation kept us on the *qui vive* with great delight." ■ **Dr. Jane Gerety** (M.A. '72), RSM, has joined the board of Salve Regina Univ. ■ **Thomas Petruso** (M.A. '93; Ph.D. Berkeley '89) has been in Copenhagen for four years, after going there as a Fulbright lecturer in comparative literature and modern culture. He directs the writing program at the Univ. of Copenhagen, lectures on James Joyce and American literature, and has published *Life Made Real: Characterization in the Novel since Proust and Joyce* (U. of MI Press '91). He is writing a novel and plays drums in two bands: one blues, one country, and would be pleased to hear from classmates petruso@coco.ihh.ku.dk. Read his story in the winter issue.

GERMAN

Patricia Peterson Hodge (M.A. '68) and **Susan Edwards Schwartz** (M.A. '67) roomed together as students at the German School in Mainz in 1966. They both taught German for a time. Susan is now a travel agent in CO, while Pat is a Head Start teacher in MT. Pat is

also a partner with her farmer-husband, Larry. Their daughter is an animal science major at MT State, Bozeman, and their son is a political science major at Duke Univ. ■ **Roy N. Jacobs** (M.A. '68) is now an assistant prof. of foreign languages at Walters State in Morristown, TN.

RUSSIAN

Joe McCarthy (M.A. '70) will be serving his second summer as director of summer programs at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT. A highlight for Joe in 1995 was having five native Russian speakers enrolled.

SPANISH

Margot Yeldo (M.A. '93) is teaching Spanish at Harvard Westlake School in Los Angeles. She lists her best Midd friends as **Denise Tasick** (M.A. '92) and **Julia Donahue** (M.A. '93).

OBITUARIES

1922

HAZEL CHASE NELSON, 94, of Brattleboro, VT, on September 18, 1995. Mrs. Nelson taught English, Latin, and foreign language at Brattleboro area schools, retiring in the late 1950s. She served as organist and choir director of the Wilmington, VT, Baptist Church for more than 50 years. Her husband, Lawrence W. Nelson, died in 1977. Survivors include son Lawrence W. Nelson, brother Edward Chase, four granddaughters, and five great-grandchildren.

1925

KATHERINE STOCKWELL GEEHR, 91, of Brattleboro, VT, on September 25, 1995. She taught high school French and Latin in Roselle Park, NJ, and received a master's from New York Univ. (1933). She later taught at the Academy School in Brattleboro, retiring in 1973. She was active in her community and volunteered for the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center. Predeceased by husband Richard L. Geehr, and by daughter Julie Geehr Mather '62, she is survived by her son, Richard S. Geehr '60.

RUTH BALDWIN MURRAY, 91, of Millbrook, NY, on December 23, 1994. She taught English and French in NH, MA, and VT, and did private tutoring after retiring. She also wrote a book on English grammar. She was predeceased by two sisters, Annie Baldwin Potter '22 and Martha Baldwin Thompson '24, and by a niece, Judith Baldwin Currie '59. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, J. William Murray; daughter Cynthia M. Nagy; son Richard A. Murray; two grandsons; and many nephews and nieces, including Karol Baldwin Teiko '54 and Martha Jean Potter Crouse '52.

1926

ELIZABETH HOWARD GORDON, 90, of Danvers, MA, on November 17, 1995. She was a teacher in NC, NY, and CT, before her marriage to George B. Gordon. For more than 40 years, she taught private piano lessons in Danvers, where she was active in the Concerts Assoc., League of Women Voters, and the Historical Society. Predeceased by her husband, survivors include daughters Jane Gordon Pelton '58 and Mary M. Gordon '65, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother. Middlebury relatives include niece Julie Howard Parker '54, sister-in-law Isabell Marsh Howard '25, and cousins Helen Newton Ehlert '25, Katharine Allen Leslie '38, Jean M. Eisenhart '61, Mary Leslie Hanscom '63, and the late Dorothy Newton Eisenhart '23.

1927

LOUISE COVEY CLEMENT, 89, of Dorset, VT, on September 14, 1995. She taught high school Latin and French in Ardsley, NY, and was married to Foster R. Clement, Jr., '27 in 1928. They lived in Chappaqua, NY, and retired to Manchester, VT, in 1966. He died in 1987. Mrs. Clement belonged to the Equinox Golf Club and the Manchester Garden Club. Predeceased by her sister, Grace Covey Laughlin '33, Mrs. Clement is survived by daughters Judith Clement Ware '57 and Abigail Clement LePage, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

HOWARD W. CUTLER, 90, of Greenwich, CT, and Landrum, SC, on February 7, 1995. He studied at the London School of Economics, worked for the George Grady Press in NYC, and edited the *Darien Review* newspaper in CT. He worked with public relations pioneer Edward L. Bernays in NYC until retiring in 1963. With Bernays he authored a classic text, *The Engineering of Consent* (Univ. of OK Press, 1955). Mr. Cutler was predeceased by a daughter, Ann, and he is survived by wife Rebecca (Manning), son Howard, and three grandchildren, and great-nephew, Benjamin M. Boylan, '80.

1928

EMILY LOBDELL SMITH, 89, of Spokane, WA, formerly of Middlebury, CT, on December 28, 1995. A librarian in the Shaker Heights, OH, school system, she held a B.S. in library science from Western Reserve Univ. (1931). In CT, she was very active in community affairs, including Women's Study Club of Naugatuck, Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary, library building committee, and D.A.R. Her husband, cardiologist Jasper A. Smith, predeceased her. Survivors include daughter Diana Smith; sons Jeremy, Jonathan, and Jeffrey; and 10 grandchildren.

1929

RUTH KENNEY BENSON, 87, of Culver, IN, on June 18, 1995. With an M.A. from the Bread Loaf School of English, Mrs. Benson taught English in MA and IN high schools. After studying at Northwestern Univ. and the Univ. of Chicago, she held the position of director of the Culver Military Academy's Reading Center from 1954 to 1972. Predeceased by her husband, Ernest B. Benson, and by two sisters, Mrs. Benson is survived by son Robert S. Benson, daughter Jane B. Benson, and two grandchildren.

1931

IRENE TARBELL WHEELER, 87, Gwynedd, PA, on January 24, 1996. With a master's degree in French from Middlebury (1947), she taught French and English in Sharon, Cherry Valley, and Schenectady, NY, and later in Paoli, PA, where she also volunteered in the town library and served on its board of directors. She also devoted time to conservation and environmental concerns. She leaves her husband of 45 years, William M. Wheeler; a brother, Dean S. Tarbell; a sister, Elva Tarbell Procopio '43; and nieces and nephews.

1932

GEORGE F. EMERY, 84, of Chambersburg, PA, on January 15, 1996. He served in the Navy in World War II and received a master's in history from George Washington Univ. (1934). For 45 years, he served in the National Park Service, as park historian at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and at Stones River N.M.P.; as assistant superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park (Yorktown, VA) and superintendent of Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, Petersburg N.M.P., and Gettysburg N.M.P., retiring in 1979. He was predeceased by his first wife, Lillias (Scales), two sisters, and two brothers. Surviving are his wife, Nathalie Lewis Brink Emery '31, son George Jr., daughter Ann Shirey, stepdaughter Pamela Sloan, stepson John Harrison Brink, two grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and a brother.

EMILY W. SMITH, 85, of Manchester, CT, on February 25, 1996. Miss Smith worked in insurance, was head of a statistical dept. of United Technologies, a reporter for the former *Manchester Herald*, and taught Latin at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, retiring in 1972. She worked with the Manchester Girl Scout Council, was leader of Senior Troop 1 for more than 30 years, and took seven groups of Scouts to Europe. She belonged to the Manchester Garden Club and the Historical Society. Predeceased by a brother, Richard B. Smith, she is survived by two nephews and four grand-nephews.

1933

FRANKLIN BUTLER, 85, of Weaverville, NC, on July 11, 1995. With an M.A. from the Univ. of GA, Mr. Butler taught at the Asheville School from 1935 to 1940, returning in 1956 to teach English, Latin, and French until his retirement in 1976. From 1940 to 1956 he served in the Army, taught radio journalism at the Univ. of GA, and was acting headmaster of Mead Hall (Aiken, SC). Mr. Butler was predeceased by wife Jeanne (Wilson) in January 1995. He is survived by his daughter, Mariya Butler.

ROLLINT. CAMPBELL, 83, of Cuba, NY, on September 28, 1995. With an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary (1938) and a master's in Systematic Theology (1969), the Rev. Campbell served as a minister in four Methodist Conferences in NY. His first appointment after seminary was in East Middlebury and Ripton, where Robert Frost watched the children at daily recess from Bible school on his walk to the Ripton Post Office. After retiring in 1978, he served in 20 churches until 1990 when his health began to fail. He is survived, by wife Helen Dawson Campbell '37, son Timothy S. Campbell, daughters Phyllis Campbell Winkel '64 and Penelope Campbell Oviatt, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a sister.

MELVIN H. GLAZIER, 85, of Sharon, MA, on September 22, 1995. Mr. Glazier taught junior high mathematics in Sharon, Bedford, and Milton, MA, for 35 years, retiring in 1973. He was predeceased in 1960 by his first wife, Bernice Cooke Glazier '34. Survivors include his wife, Marianne Monroe Glazier '39, daughters Marilyn Churchill and Linda Taylor; stepsons Thomas Wells and Theodore Wells; stepdaughters Carolyn Wells and Merritt Wells Stites; five grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren, including Victoria Wells '95. Other survivors are his brothers, Lyle Glazier '33 and Lawrence Glazier, and niece Susan Glazier Swartz '66 and her husband, David Swartz '65.

VIRGINIA WHITTIER WARTHIN, 83, of Walpole, MA, on November 19, 1995, of lung cancer. With a nursing degree from Yale ('36), she worked at Yale Univ. Hospital and for the Visiting Nursing Assoc. in Baltimore, MD. In addition to her many community services, she was an active member of the Lexington Arts and Crafts. She became a master craftsman of the Metalworker's Guild, creating gold and silver jewelry to set stones she had collected. Mrs. Warthin received an Alumni Plaque Award in 1991 for her many services to the College. She leaves her husband of 57 years, Thomas A. Warthin '33; sons Jonathan C. Warthin, R. Scott Warthin (M.A. English '72), and T. Whittier Warthin; seven grand-

children, including Daniel W. Warthin '87 and Elisabeth C. Warthin '89; and a sister, Lois Whittier Pickard '40. Sisters Margaret Whittier Roache '35 and Katherine Whittier Kennedy '38 predeceased her.

1935

KENNETH C. BATTEN, 83, of Hardwick, VT, on July 21, 1995. A lifelong resident of Hardwick, he became the warden and organist of St. John the Baptist Church (Episcopal) in 1936, became the church vicar in 1974, and served as pastor until retiring in 1985. He was ordained a deacon in 1973 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1975. He also operated a farm in Hardwick for more than 30 years. He is survived by several cousins.

DOROTHY CROWE STEELE, 82, of St. Albans, VT, on June 30, 1995. She was a charter member of the St. Albans Historical Society, served on the VT Historical Society, and was active in the A.A.U.W. and the First Congregational Church. She wrote sketches for a book titled *Those Intriguing, Indomitable Vermont Women* (1980) and was one of the editors of the book *St. Albans, Vermont, through the Years*. She is survived by her husband, Edmund D. Steele '32, son George E. Steele, and two grandsons.

1936

DONALD J. MACDOUGALL, 79, of Sherborne, MA, on November 22, 1995. A research physicist for Electronic Corp. of America, Mr. MacDougall was also chief engineer and owner of his own business, specializing in electronic equipment for laboratory research and industrial use. He retired from Fenwal Inc. of Ashland in 1958, did consulting work for several companies, was granted 10 patents on various electronic devices, and was licensed as an amateur radio operator. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Grace (Elkerton), and sons Robert James MacDougall and Donald Bruce MacDougall.

JOHN H. MARTIN, 81, of Fallbrook, CA, on April 19, 1995. He studied at the Univ. of Heidelberg (Ph.D. '38), the Univ. of VT (M.A. '39), and Grenoble Univ. (B.A. '40). A Red Cross volunteer since 1927, he became a staff member in 1941, first as a field director in England and later as a director and manager of the Los Angeles Chapter. He retired in 1978, but continued to volunteer. His wife, Mary (Miller), died in 1975. He is survived by daughter Deborah E.M. Martin and son Charles Martin.

1937

MARY TAYLOR STOCKER, 80, of Canton, MA, on September 15, 1995. With a master's from the Bread Loaf School of English (1941), Mrs. Stocker was an English teacher in Randolph, VT, and a substitute teacher in the Can-

ton schools. She was also a reporter for the *Brockton Enterprise*. Predeceased by one son, David A. Stocker, she is survived by her husband, Robert H. Stocker, Jr., sons Robert N. Stocker and Eric A. Stocker, daughter Sylvia A. Stocker; and six grandchildren.

1940

PAGE GROSENBAUGH ROWE, 76, of Ridgefield, CT, on December 2, 1995, of cancer. While raising five children with husband Robert Rowe '38, Mrs. Rowe earned advanced degrees in music at Juilliard and in library science at Pratt Institute, spending 17 years as children's librarian at New Canaan (CT) Library. After retiring in 1984, she volunteered at the Ridgefield Thrift Shop and enjoyed hiking in the White Mountains. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, Lewis R. Grosenbaugh; daughters Judith Rowe Michaels '66 and Ellen Rowe; sons Randolph '70, Timothy '73, and Christopher Rowe, one grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

1941

CHARLES MEREDITH DeLaVERGNE, 75, of Salt Point, NY, on October 24, 1995. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Salt Point to manage DeLaVergne's Store, operated by generations of his family before him. An active community leader, he was familiarly known as "Meredith, the mayor of Salt Point." A charter member of the Salt Point Fire Co., he was active in his community throughout his life. He was preceded in death by wife Anne (Webb) in 1980 and by second wife Nancy (Marvin) in 1987. Survivors include daughters Anne Tefft and Meredith DeLaVergne, stepdaughter Janet Lagergren, stepson William Marvin, six grandchildren, and companion Aya Honda Ely. —*Les Ingalls '41*

JOHN MOFFITT NUGENT, 77, of Nyack, NY, on January 10, 1996. Enlisting in the Army a week after graduation, he served through 1945. Employed by Seeley & Co. for 14 years, he subsequently joined Firmenich, Inc., a Swiss investment company, retiring in 1983. Survivors include wife Helen Rice Nugent '41, sons John M. Nugent, Jr., and Jeffrey Nugent, daughter Candace Nugent Wilson, sister-in-law Janet Rice Smith '48, and five grandchildren. —*Les Ingalls '41*

1944

DOROTHY CLEARY COOKE, 72, of Catonsville, MD, on December 25, 1995, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Cooke served the community of Oakmont, PA, in a variety of ways, including Brownie and Girl Scout leader, substitute teacher, school librarian, and special education teacher at the St. Anthony School for Exceptional Children. She also assisted in the local

library, was active in Meals on Wheels, and joined a local real estate firm. Survivors include her husband, Edward F. Cooke '45, daughters Patricia A. Baughman, Nancy J. Cooke, and Mary Beth Fong, and six grandchildren.

1946

NANCY PEEL SPEERS, 70, of Swarthmore, PA, on December 19, 1995. Mrs. Speers was an archivist and staff genealogist at the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, retiring in 1992. She also conducted Quaker genealogical research for private clients. Preceded in death by husband David Speers in 1968, she is survived by sons John O. Speers and David M. Speers; daughter Lindley B. Speers; a brother, the Rev. Craig L. Peel '59; a sister, Virginia P. Manthey; and six grandchildren.

1947

GEORGE L. MONTAGNO, 72, of Alliance, OH, on May 5, 1995. Dr. Montagno retired in 1990 as prof. of history and director of non-western studies at Mount Union College. He received the college's Great Teacher Award in 1968. With a master's from Columbia (1948) and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, he served in military intelligence during World War II and was a research historian for U.S. Air Defense Command Headquarters (1954-56). He was a member of the history dept. (1956-60) and dean of men (1956-58) at Simpson College in IA, and served as VP of the Assoc. of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural Studies (1967-71). He is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Reed Schleis), daughters Lesa Leahy, Carla Montagno, Heidi D'Angelo, and Jennifer Murray; sons Paul and David; and a grandchild.

1950

ROBERT F. BARNA, 77, of Miami, FL, on November 2, 1995. An Air Force veteran of World War II, he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and two Air Medals. He held a master's degree in German from Middlebury (1951) and taught physics, chemistry, and English at the Middlebury high school. He was a leader in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League, and the Otter Valley Debate Team, as well as coaching plays, cross-country running, and track. He is survived by his wife, Lillian (Bedner), and sons Edward, Joseph, and Walter.

1952

TALMAN C. BUDD II, 66, of Gurnee, IL, on November 10, 1995, of acute leukemia. A graduate of the Ft. Leavenworth Army Command and General Staff College, he received a master's from Pepperdine Univ. (1977). Col. Budd had a distinguished military career in the Marine Corps (1952 to 1977). He was the associate dean of economic development for the College of Lake County and was active in many

civic affairs. Survivors include his wife, Susan (Rae); daughters Jeane L. Sligh, Nancy B. Caldwell, and Melissa J. Boss; sons John L. Budd and Andrew G. Budd; stepdaughters Sara Drummond and Jennifer Drummond Crema; and six grandchildren.

1953

GEORGE J. CHRISTIAN, 65, of Northfield, IL, on October 13, 1995. He was associated with Owens Corning Fiberglas Co. for 31 years, retiring as a regional manager. Survivors include wife Elizabeth (Ritter), sons Douglas and Bradley, daughters Laura, Linda, and Wendy Duff; two brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren.

SHIRLEY BALDWIN WARING, 64, of Hanover, NH, on November 17, 1995, of cancer. She worked with children with cerebral palsy and polio at the Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton, and later volunteered in the intensive care nursery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the community based program "Good Beginnings." After founding a small press, Shirley B. Waring Publishers, she published her husband's memoirs, her own children's books, and a book written by a granddaughter at age 9. She is survived by husband Tom Waring, sons John C. Norton and Steven A. Norton, daughter Heidi Norton, and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by son David Norton in 1990.

1955

ALFRED "SONNY" DENNIS, 62, of Middlesex, NJ, on November 26, 1995, of cancer. He earned many athletic honors in football and basketball at Middlebury and played professional football briefly. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he held a master's degree (Univ. of Hartford, 1961) and earned 30 credits toward a doctorate. Mr. Dennis was with AT&T Bell labs for 13 years in its management training program. He was an AT&T Leader on Loan to the United Way of Union County, and also a qualified Baldrige examiner through AT&T. Surviving are his wife, Linda (Ferry); daughters Andrea Dennis Lavigne, Lyn Dennis, Lisa Dennis, and Samantha Dennis; a grandchild; and a brother.

1961

EDWARD R. "TED" MOONEY, 58, of Annandale, VA, on December 7, 1995. After serving in the Army Transportation Corps, he formed two insurance companies: Mooney & Associates and Mass Benefits Consultants, Inc. He was active in community affairs in Annandale and coached youth league basketball and baseball. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Brown Mooney '58, daughters Marcia Mooney Slahetka '87 and Megan Erin Mooney, son Patrick Mooney, and aunt Beatrice Dumas Mooney '22.

1967

FREDERICK "FRITZ" HARLOW, 49, of Wallingford, VT, on October 29, 1995. After earning a J.D. degree (Univ. of AZ School of Law, '71), Mr. Harlow was associated with the Rutland firm of Ryan Smith and Carbine until opening his own law offices, Harlow Liccardi and Crawford, in 1977. He served as moderator and selectman for the town of Clarendon, was active as a coach in the Clarendon Little League and Softball League, and helped establish the Mill River Union High School Hockey Club. Survivors include wife Mary (Gleason), son Frederick David Harlow, daughter Elizabeth Gleason Harlow, and sister Mary Segal.

1968

ANN DRAPER BROWN, 49, of Lee, NH, on January 15, 1996, of pancreatic cancer. She earned a master's in educational administration from Keene State College and spent her entire career in public education. At the time of her death, she was principal of Oyster River High School in Durham, NH. She held previous positions at Rome (NY) Free Academy, Hopkinton High School (Contoocook, NH), Jaffrey-Rindge School District (Jaffrey, NH), and Brunswick (ME) High School. She was also active in community affairs, including the Red Cross, Dollars for Scholars, and the sports medicine committee of the NHIAA. Survivors include her son, Gabriel J. Brown; her father, Edwin W. Draper; four brothers; and four nephews.

CRAIG H. LITTLE, 49, of West Barnstable, MA, on January 22, 1996. A resident of Cape Cod since 1971, Mr. Little wrote for the *Register* and was a contributing writer for the *Cape Cod Times*. He also worked as an editor and writer for several medical and pharmaceutical advertising agencies and was managing editor of a nursing journal. He is survived by wife Egila Lex Little, son Aristide Little-Lex, daughter Leonis Little-Lex, a sister, a niece, and a nephew.

1981

DAVID A. NALEN, 37, of Sun Valley, ID, on December 16, 1995, of cancer. After teaching at Deerfield Academy in MA, he earned an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern, and became a partner at the San Francisco office of the Trammell Crow Co. He also taught at the Community School in Sun Valley and won awards in track, cycling, triathlon events, and alpine ski racing. He is survived by wife Elizabeth (Wood); children Austin Marie and Christopher Anthony; parents Kim and Craig Nalen; sister, Kim Nelson; and brother Peter Nalen '83. Memorial contributions may be sent to the David Nalen Foundation, Box 891, Sun Valley, ID 83353. The Foundation's goal is to ensure that his spirit lives on through the accomplishments of others.

SCOTT DANFORTH SANDBLOM '82

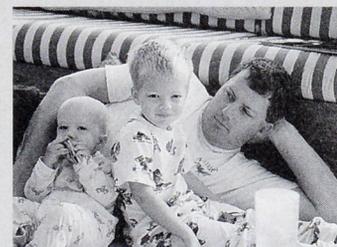
1960-1995

SCOTT D. SANDBLOM, 35, of Aliso Viejo, CA, on December 8, 1995, of a heart ailment. He died in San Francisco, while traveling on business. With an MBA from Babson College, he founded the West Coast division of Litecontrol, Inc., an industrial light fixture company. He was also a builder and sailor.

Survivors include wife Rhondi (Eitreim), sons Derek Joseph (4) and Jake Danforth (1), parents Russell and Carol Sandblom, brother Peter Sandblom, sisters Jodi Sandblom and Lauren Christensen.

Scott was a talented student athlete at Middlebury and participated in football and ice hockey with a passion. In his senior year, Scott helped the football team achieve a No. 1 ranking in New England. His friends and teammates remember him as a strong, hardworking, friendly man, with a big smile, a hearty laugh, and a great love for life and people. Later Scott shared his passion for the ocean with wife Rhondi and their two young sons. Still a big kid himself, he loved to build sandcastles with the kids and often took the family sailing along the southern California coast. He also loved to create, construct, renovate, and build things around the house. What Scott built best, though, were relationships. He was devoted to his family, friends, and coworkers.

Charlie Robinson '82 is organizing a photo album for Scott's wife and family, and his friends have established a scholarship fund for his children. Donations may be sent to Sandblom Children's Fund, c/o Rockland Trust Co., Liberty St., Hanson, MA 02341.



1982

SARAH VANDERVEER RYAN, 35, of Rochester, NY, on December 31, 1995, of cancer. A history major at Middlebury, she was a junior counselor and social chair of MCAB. A resident of Rochester since 1986, she devoted herself to raising her children and doing volunteer work. She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Joan VanDerveer. Survivors include husband James D. Ryan, Jr., '80; children James, Alexandra, and Elizabeth; sister Carol VanDerveer Wuerth; brothers Mark and Stephen VanDerveer; and her in-laws, including brother-in-law Richard D. Ryan '81.

1997

COLIN T. O'NEILL, 21, of Moody, ME, on February 25, 1996, in a surfing accident that occurred in Costa Rica. He attended Wooster School (Danbury, CT) from 1987 to 1991, and Governor Dummer Academy (Byfield, MA) from 1991 to 1993, arriving in Middlebury in February of 1994 after spending a semester at sea. An environmental studies major, he planned to spend the spring semester studying wilderness conservation. Survivors include his mother, Laurie A. O'Neill, of Moody, ME, and his father, Peter O'Neill, of Owings Mills, MD. His mother plans to continue working on her master's degree at the Bread Loaf School of English.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1938

HELEN M. BRESEE, M.A. English, 94, of Columbus, OH, on November 9, 1995. Miss Bresee was a retired teacher in the Chicago public schools.

1940

ARCHILLE H. BIRON, M.A. French, 84, of Waterville, ME, on December 6, 1995. He was an emeritus professor of modern languages at Colby College. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gay Biron, M.A. French '36.

1941

IRENE C. ROUILLARD, M.A. French, of Chicopee, MA.

1958

MARY C. MCBURNEY, M.A. Spanish, 73, of Pawtucket, RI, on December 19, 1995. She was a retired Spanish teacher in the Pawtucket high school.

1962

EUGENIA VICKERY, M.A. Russian, 81, of Bath, ME, on January 14, 1996. She was a retired teacher of French and Russian.

1974

BARBARA BRAMBLE LAWRENCE, M.A. English, 71, of West Linn, OR, on January 18, 1996. She was a retired English teacher.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nominees for 1996 Alumni Trustees

According to the by-laws of the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, "there shall be, for any fiscal year, six Alumni Trustees serving terms of up to five years each, so distributed as over time to reflect the varying composition of the alumni body as a whole and to achieve an even balance between men and women."

Female Alumni Trustees nominated by the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association for a five-year term, July 1, 1996, to June 30, 2001, no petitions having been received by March 1:



Jane W. Harvey '85: Seattle, Wash.; attorney, Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S.; practice focuses on land use and environmental matters for private and public entities, 1993-present; L.L.M., Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley, 1994; law clerk, environment section, Office of the Attorney General, Oakland, Calif., 1993; J.D., Penn Law School, 1993; development and public relations assistant, then development officer, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vt., 1986-87; assistant to director, National Wildlife Campaign of Greenpeace U.S.A., Washington, D.C., 1985-86; Middlebury College: assistant to director, then assistant director of Capital and Planned Giving, 1987-90.



Roxanne McCormick Leighton '67: Bolton, Mass.; Harvard Graduate School of Business, 1980; owner and treasurer, Quail Hollow Golf Course, Boise, Idaho; divisional manager, Pre/Scott, Sun Valley, Idaho; co-founder and treasurer, CB Sports, a ski apparel manufacturing company, Bennington, Vt.; member of retail advisory committee, Fruitlands Museum; former trustee, U.S. Ski Team Foundation; Middlebury College: member, 20th and 25th Reunion Gift Committees; co-chair, Leadership Gift Committee, Boston; class agent; interviewer, alumni admissions.

Nominees for 1996 Officers and Directors

The slate of candidates for officers and directors presented by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association for a two-year term is as follows, no petitions having been received by March 1:



Wendell Fleming '78: Denver, Colo.; University of Virginia School of Law, 1982; taught legal writing as a Hardy Dillard Fellow at UVA; practiced law for six years with Holland & Hart in Denver, specializing in intellectual property; engaged in general practice on a part-time basis with the all-woman Klapper firm in Denver since 1990; served on the board of directors of Gateway Battered Women's Shelter, Steele Community Center, and Young Audiences; active in the Denver Chapter of MCAA.



Dorothy Kimball Hart '54: Littleton, Mass.; director of development, Fidelity House, Lawrence, Mass.; former consultant, Big Brothers and Sisters of America; developed training curriculum and trained volunteers for mental health and crisis helplines; former evaluator of agency programs in many nonprofit settings; member, Planned Giving Group of New England; member, Women in Development, Boston; member, AAUW Lexington-Bedford, Mass.; former member, Philadelphia Alumnae Club; former interviewer, alumni admissions, Middlebury College.

OFFICIAL 1996 MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BALLOT

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NOTICES

Alumni of Color Anthology

Middlebury is compiling an anthology of biographies of alumni of color to enable current and prospective students to read, listen to, or view stories of survival and success at Middlebury and beyond. If you would like to share your memories or reflections, please contact Gary Margolis '67, director, Counseling and Human Relations Center, or Elizabeth Hackett Robinson '84, director, Alumni and Parent Programs.

Celebrate the Veterans

The Bicentennial Commission is interested in doing something meaningful to celebrate the Middlebury graduates who served in or who lost their lives in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War. Please send any information to Mona Wheatley, Forest Hall, Middlebury, VT 05753.

We Want Your Lives

Women of Middlebury: help us make a permanent archive of women's experiences at the College over the decades. We would love to hear your experiences, both during your time here and after. What was it like for women in your era? Were your college years happy, funny, tough, painful? Did Middlebury prepare you for life after college? Whether you send a paragraph or a complete autobiography, your words will become a special part of the record of women at Middlebury. Please send your story to: Jan Albers, Women's Studies Administrator; c/o Women's Studies, Chellis House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Alumni of Color Weekend: Role Models Bring It All Back Home

The seventh annual Alumni of Color Weekend brought back alumni from as far away as the Mid-Atlantic for a weekend of reminiscing, reconnecting, and networking. The weekend, while a wonderful time for alumni, is also a superb opportunity for current students to gain a perspective on minority issues on campus. Emerson Ally, a

sophomore from Barbados, finds this event "inspirational" because it gives students a background, "a history for why things are as they are. We can appreciate things they've fought for." Ally looks forward to when he can return as an alumnus. "Every year it's a different gang of people, so it's just a lot of fun."



Returning Alumni Turn Out for the Annual Photo Op.

ALUMNI CALENDAR



MAY

- 15 Reception, President McCardell, Baltimore
- 17-18 Alumni Golf Tournament, Cape Cod
- 19 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Tour
- 20 Social Hour, Atlanta
- 30 Faculty Lecture, Burlington
- 31 Reunion Weekend, Middlebury
(May 31-June 2)

JUNE

- 8 CIGNA Corporate Challenge, Atlanta

AUGUST

- 28 Alumni College (Aug. 28 - Sept. 1)

SEPTEMBER

- 6-7 Gordon C. Perine Alumni Golf, Middlebury
- 20-22 Fall Family Weekend I
- 27-29 Alumni Leadership Conference

For information about events, call the Alumni Office at (802) 388-3711, ext. 5183.

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LOOKING BACK

By Curt Norris '51

WORLD WAR II PILOT STUMBLES INTO A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

Just like thousands of others at the end of World War II, I resumed my deferred education under the G.I. Bill at Middlebury. Money was very scarce, and we students were deadly serious about completing our delayed education. And believe me, there was no grade inflation. Our self-esteem was earned the honest way. For example, a fraternity brother, Don Perry, could not graduate because a professor refused to give him an extra point on a final exam.

During the freshman year, 1947-48, we lived with families in town and quickly learned the pleasures of long, uphill hikes to and from campus with the temperatures hovering one morning at -37 degrees F. The next year, I lived in a fraternity house.

For some reason, our house seemed to attract Army Air Corps veterans. We had two complete B-17 crews as members, and several former fighter pilots. A small contingent of South Pacific ex-marines lived on the second floor. Other houses, such as Sig Ep and Chi Psi, attracted former Navy carrier pilots. All in all, students at that time were a very serious and single-minded group, hardened men, and fraternities were a far cry from

the present-day "Animal House" stereotype.

Pleasures were few, but we treasured those that did happen by. One of the big events was the monthly arrival of the VA check from White River Junction. This meant that we could walk down to the local watering hole in the basement of the town inn, in the center of the town, for a night out. Buds were 15 cents a bottle at the time, and we could enjoy a fairly sober evening at small cost. The fraternity was a good distance from campus and town—perhaps two miles—and it could be a long and very cold winter walk back to the house. Very few students could afford cars.

There was a cemetery between the inn and the frat house, and by cutting through it, rather than going around it, one could cut quite a distance from this cold hike. Despite this fact, and despite what these students had just been through on the battlefield, few opted for this choice. I suppose, even then, a cemetery is a cemetery, and a place to be avoided on a winter's night. But one night, a couple of brothers decided to take the chance.

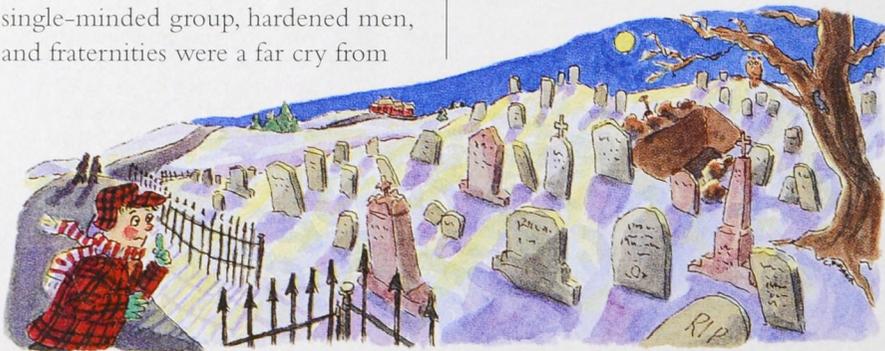
Meet "Bones" Hunt, a friendly fellow with a friendly smile, a man who flew P-47s over Europe and who was still flying them while a student as a member of the reserves, often performing very precise aerobatics over the campus on weekends. Bones was short in stature, as were many fighter pilots of the day. So when he cut through the cemetery on a bright, moonlit winter's night and tumbled into a very deep double grave prepared for a funeral the next day, he was in trouble.

He tried everything he could to escape his predicament. He tried cutting steps into the frozen sides of the grave, he attempted to leap up and pull himself over the top of the high sides, he futilely tried a running start—such as it was. He was trapped. Bones retreated into a dark corner to think things out. At this time, a second frat brother came lurching through the cemetery.

This second visitor went through the same, helpless procedure that Bones had followed. The fighter pilot watched in fascination as the man stood facing one of the sides. Then he took pity and decided to reassure him. Slipping from his dark corner, he quietly approached the figure from behind. Tapping him on the shoulder, Bones advised in a deep, somber voice, "You will never get out of here."

But somehow he did. ■

Curt Norris '51 writes a mystery column for the Quincy, Mass., Patriot Ledger.



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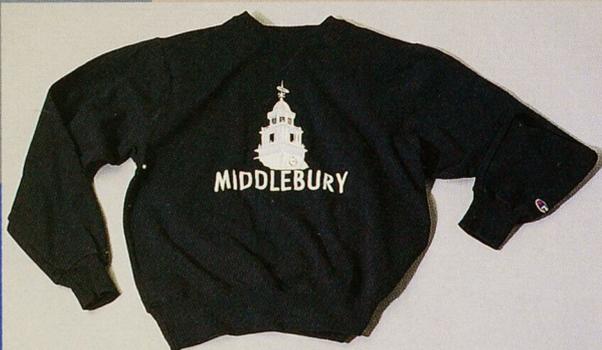
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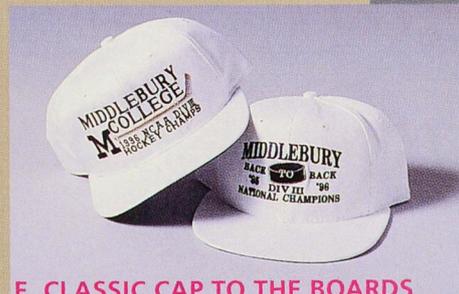
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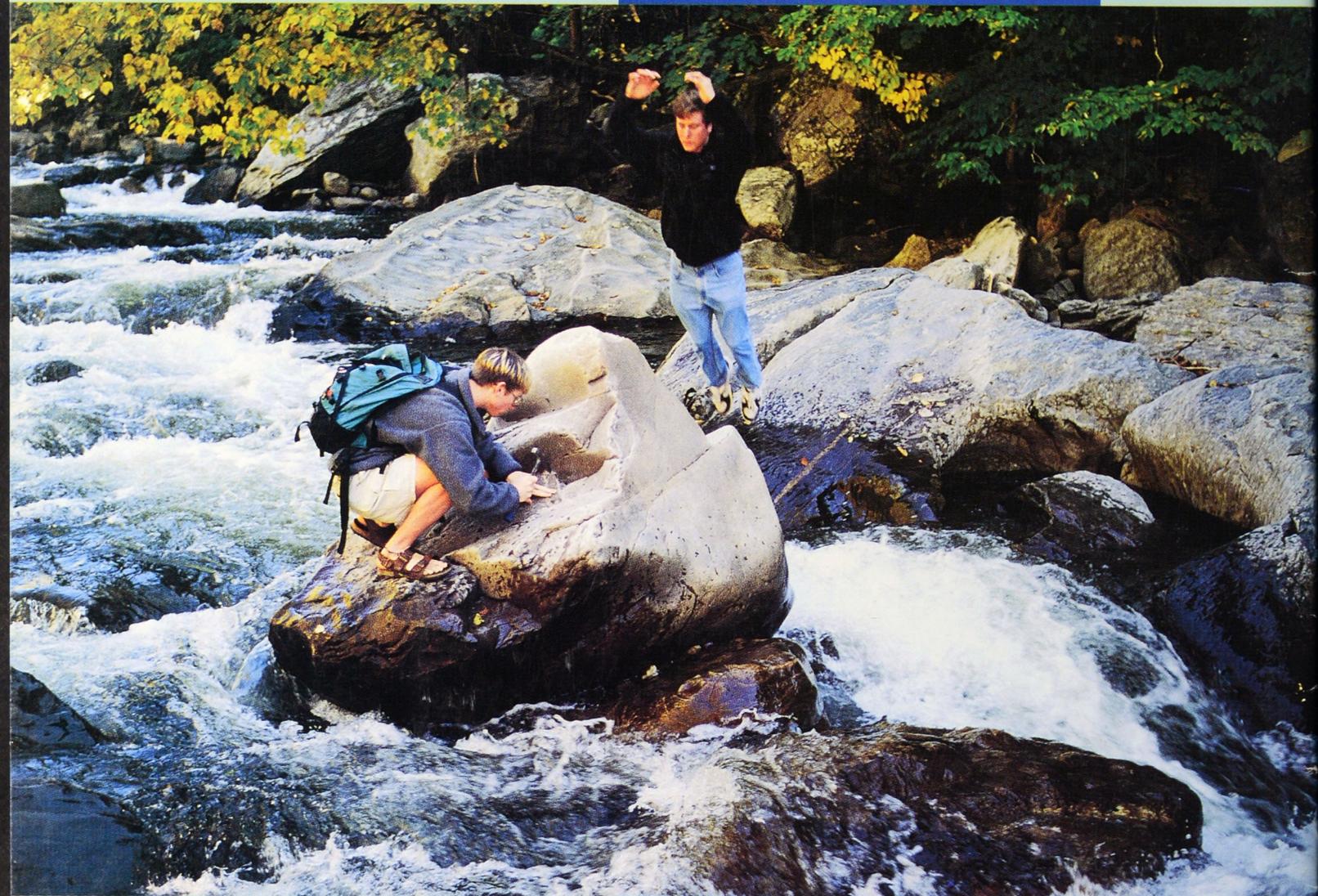
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